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Wild Horses at Caliterra Estate: Galloping for the environment.



The presence of more than 50 horses running freely among the hills and native forests does not only put a magical note to Viña Caliterra landscape. The job that has been done to control the natural growth of grass, responds to a particular initiative based on sustainability and the care of the whole environment.

After two years (2005 and 2006) of a long drought at the Colchagua Valley, fire probabilities increased considerably due to the large amount of grass accumulated in the hillsides. The logical solution to the problem was to cut everything, however, the sustainable

view that Caliterra implemented was a solution that perfectly combined efficiency and protection of the environment.

In spring 2007, 40 wild horses were set free at the Caliterra Estate on a total surface of 1085 hectares, of which we can also find 280 hectares of vineyards. These animals quickly adapted to the environment. They ate from the natural grass of the hills, and their job is specifically that, to “prune” the grass without eroding the ground to avoid forest fires.

Twice a year the horses are gathered together, until now there are 59, to look upon them and take care of their needs. The rest of the time the animals gallop freely and their track is lost. Far away we can see the Chilean horses beautiful fur. It is important to mention that the group is compounded by 46 mares, 5 horses and 2 stallions, complemented with the 5 foals borned last year and a new member that joined the group at the beginning of 2009.

The use of wild horses is one of the ways that Caliterra searches to protect the natural and environmental resources, always looking to preserve the environment.



Our chief winemaker, Sergio Cuadra, mentioned:

"The idea is not only to make wines of excellence, today we must do it with a deep concern on the environment, assuring the natural resources and beautiful landscape for future generations".

