

# GRAVAS

## del Maipo

### SUMMARY

Viña Concha y Toro's icon Syrah, Gravas del Maipo, originated at the end of 2010 as a tribute to the majestic Andes Mountains and to the gravel hidden in the soils that had been silently eroded, desplazados, and shaped in the Maipo Basin for thousands of years.

Charles Darwin was one of the first explorers and enthusiasts of the unique morphology of the Andean valley of Maipo. In his travels in Chile in 1835, Darwin found a natural environment that was continuously evolving, which led him to develop a new view of the world based on the influence of seismic activity and the great difference he observed in the soil here, compared to other regions.

In 2005, after an intense search, winemaker Enrique Tirado concluded that it was the Maipo Valley's Andean soils and climatic conditions that were responsible for providing the natural balance that he sought.

The soils of the Quinta de Maipo vineyard were formed by the action of the imposing Andes Mountains. The Maipo River has transported rocky material from those mountains and deposited them in Andean terraces, producing soils that contain volcanic rock, ash, and sedimentary deposits.

Planted on the southern bank of the Maipo River, the Quinta de Maipo vineyard is rooted in soils under laid with gravel more than a meter below the surface. It is precisely this feature of these riverside alluvial soils that imparts the round, complex, and elegant tannins of this refined Syrah.

Concha y Toro's icon Syrah, which debuted on the market with the 2007 vintage, reflects the winery's constant endeavor to position Chile as a producer of high quality wines, and its passionate, never-ending search to find terroirs that express the true character of each variety.

From its very first vintage, Gravas del Maipo has earned wide recognition from three of Chile's most admired wine guides and made it undisputedly the best Syrah in the country.

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