



BARBAROT & Bárbara: The Symbiosis,

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I have seen Barbara growing up in all aspects in her life, but if there is something that truly identifies herself, it is her perseverance. She started to live overseas in her last year of High School in USA, and moved to France, to learn the language and most of all, to give a chance to what has become her passion nowadays... the viticulture and winemaking (oenology).

You could catch a glimpse of her serious will to grasp all what she was learning at the time. In her personal side, she was getting out of her own bubble, understanding that it was fine to overcome her limits and broaden her horizons. Good signs of it were harvests and training in some of the most representative wineries in Bordeaux region; Napa Valley (USA), Marlborough (NZ), Clare Valley (South Australia); Tuscany (Italy); Curicó (Chile) and recently, Mendoza (Argentina)... and, above all, personal experiences from those trips enriched her in many ways. They all gave her the confidence to make a further step, reaching her most precious ambition: creating her wine **BARBAROT**, and with him; her own winery.

When I think about her and **Barbarot**, the only word that comes to me is symbiosis. Perhaps it shouldn't be right to give a human personality to her wine; on the other hand, each wine has its own personality, depending of the soil, the grapes, weather condition and winemaking techniques being used. But if I had to define it, Barbarot resembles its creator: a mellow wine, subtle in the beginnings and as we keep tasting, it shows a number of good sensations that makes you feel enjoying it more.

There is another symbiosis in its own making. When our family bought the vineyard, my father Antonio had already made certain there was not a landscape more identified with his beginnings as a student in Bordeaux, as the vineyard in Riscos de Bilibio in Haro. As he studied the vineyard's soil, he applied for an experimental growing of the Merlot variety, to the Wine Council. After a number of samples for the wine 2 viñedos (Two vineyards) from 1994; when he still was working with his family company Palacios Remondo Winery, they found the blend that made that wine to be successful. Since then, the vines have reached matureness and elegance... and with them, Barbara decided to start her wine path, controlling the vineyard work and creating her own wine.

Being created with the native grape varieties of each region (Rioja & Bordeaux), and with all the gained experiences from both our neighbouring country and our region... **BARBAROT** is a blend of the best of both places.