

## Global Biodynamics expert in Chile **Nicolás Joly** visits EMILIANA

Emiliana was host to the first official activity of French expert Nicolás Joly's trip to Chile. He visited the Los Robles estate in the Colchagua Valley, where he witnessed the winery's advances in organic and biodynamic winegrowing, which have made the winery the largest winery in Chile, and indeed the world, to use this kind of agriculture for winegrowing.

The visit, which included lunch at the winery and a tour of the property with the Emiliana team, was the first of a series of stops planned for Joly prior to his seminar "Biodynamism: Back to the Origins," on Wednesday, May 5th at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Santiago.

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May 2010. On the first day of his visit to Chile, Nicolás Joly, the world's foremost proponent of Biodynamism, enjoyed a tour of Emiliana's "Los Robles" vineyard and cellar in the Colchagua Valley, where he saw first-hand how the company is applying biodynamic principles in winegrowing and vineyard management.

During his visit Joly toured the vineyard, where he saw some of Emiliana 1,078 hectares under organic and biodynamic management that, along with other factors, have made it the world's foremost biodynamic winery and the only one in Chile that is certified biodynamic (Demeter, Germany).



The event was hosted by Emiliana's General Manager Rafael Guilisasti and Agricultural Manager José Guilisasti, with the participation of Emiliana's winemaking consultant Álvaro Espinoza and many of the company's Agricultural, Commercial and Marketing staff. Joly was able to observe how Emiliana applies chemical-free systems and maintains a balance between the land and the components of production to produce high quality wines with the fullest expression of terroir.

During his tour of the estate, which was certified Carbon Neutral in 2009, Joly reaffirmed Chile has the potential to be a biodynamic country: "Chile has very favorable conditions for becoming an organic and biodynamic country. Both Chile and the Emiliana estate (Los Robles) demonstrate this," said the French expert while offering advice and revealing some of the keys to good agricultural practice. Joly also noted that Emiliana's biodynamic practices were very advanced.

Rafael Guilisasti commented that "The visit of Nicolás Joly, an authority on biodynamic agriculture, challenges us to continue working with this type of agriculture, which is gaining more and more consumer support."

"Understanding the vineyard as a living organism is the basic underlying concept in producing wines that embody the spirit of biodynamics. As proof of the results of this approach we can mention our award-winning organic and biodynamic Coyam line, as well as our Icon wine Gê, rated by both the Chilean and international press as one of the best biodynamic wines in the world."

Our distinguished French guest returned to Santiago on Wednesday, May 5th to deliver the much-anticipated seminar, "Biodynamics: Back to the Source," in which he outlined the principles of this science based on the anthroposophic theory, which holds that human intervention should not alter the natural biological balances present in agricultural land, but should concern itself with preserving the existing balance without depending on external factors.

Joly's decision to add Emiliana to the "Renaissance des Appellations," a select group of biodynamic wineries around the world was the fruit of the winery's visionary effort to take the production of wine made with organic grapes to a new level. Emiliana is the only winery in Chile—and in all of Latin America—to belong to this internationally renowned group. Its vineyards include 764 hectares of organic vines with Swiss IMO certification, 445 of which are already certified biodynamic by Demeter, Germany. Emiliana's remaining 314 hectares of vineyards are currently in transition to biodynamic.

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**“CHILEAN wine should express CHILE”**

In the expert's opinion, Chile has all the conditions necessary to produce wine under the biodynamic philosophy; all it needs now is more knowledge.

Joly was invited by Emiliana Vineyards, Lapostolle Vineyard, and Matetic Vineyard, to give a seminar on "Biodynamics: back to the Origin," during which he explained this agricultural science and demonstrated the excellent quality obtained in the products as a result of its use.

