



KINGSTON
FAMILY
VINEYARDS
CASABLANCA CHILE

TASTING NOTES



2011 LUCERO SYRAH

VARIETAL COMPOSITION	100% Syrah
PRODUCTION	1,275 cases
ALCOHOL	13.9%
RELEASE DATE	Spring 2011
TYPE OF OAK	French
MONTHS IN OAK	13 Months
RATINGS	94 pts, Descorchados
	92 pts, Wine & Spirits

Kingston Family Vineyards is a boutique winery located on the farm that has been in our family for a century. We handcraft Pinot Noir, Syrah, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay from our vineyards in Casablanca, Chile.

Kingston also collaborates in MOVI, Chile's Movement of Independent Winemakers, whose members make small lots of artisan wines by hand.

When you work around wine all the time, it can be hard to sit back and just enjoy a wine, especially one that you have made yourself. I am always glad when a wine that I have made, tasted in the context of a memorable meal (in other words, when I am not in "analytical mode") takes me away from analysis and simply gives pleasure. I have enjoyed more than one glass of Lucero whilst winding down at the end of a day.

The 2011 vintage was a little difficult for Syrah. Not so much in ripening the grapes but acidity was high and there was not a clear delineation between barrels. All the wines tasted the same! At blending time, I was worried that the wines would seem thin. We did not make a Bayo Oscuro in 2011. But with a little time, the Lucero has developed a fine bouquet and, due to the slightly lower alcohol and extract, it seems gentler and more approachable in its youth. For once, a Kingston syrah that doesn't demand decanting.

In the aromas, some meaty notes as well as fresh blackberry. Hints of Mediterranean spices. A little less sauvage and earthy than the 2010 Lucero. On the palate, it is beautifully balanced, almost Pinot-like in the way the acid, tannin and fruit come together. Of all the Syrah I have made down here in Casablanca, this one has improved the most since the time I first put together the blend. The 2011 Lucero has given me that validation that the more restrained style of wine we are pursuing is the right path.

- Byron Kosuge, Consulting Winemaker

