

JULIO BASTIAS

Head Winemaker



Matetic
vineyards

A native Chilean, Julio attended the University of Talca's school of Agricultural Sciences, worked as an Assistant Agronomist for the region's agricultural services, and was an Enological research assistant at the University. After he graduated, Julio worked with a number of Chilean wineries before traveling to Napa to be an Assistant Winemaker at Ancien Wines in 2002. Julio worked with organic and biodynamic winemaking pioneer Ken Bernards, who is a consultant to Matetic on their organic and biodynamic vineyards. He returned to Chile to join the Matetic winemaking team at the end of 2002 honing his skills there until 2007. He then left to become Chief Winemaker of Chile's Hacienda Chada Vineyards and then worked at Ancien Wines where he specialized in biodynamic fermentations and absorbed new winemaking techniques.



Julio's time with Ancien led him back to Matetic in 2010, where he managed winemaking for the new Corralillo label. At the beginning of 2012, he took over as Chief Winemaker of all Matetic brands (Matetic, EQ and Corralillo), overseeing all aspects of the winemaking process. Julio is rigorous about assuring that organic and biodynamic practices are followed as all the Matetic's Estate vineyards are Certified Organic and will soon be Certified Biodynamic.