

The Santo Tomás Estate

- Santo Tomás is the oldest winery in the Baja region. Jesuit missionaries first established vineyards, (now privately held) in 1791, just 5 years after the US signed its Constitution. Over a century later, in 1888 the land was purchased by Francisco Adonegui and Spaniard Miguel Olmart and became Mexico's first large scale commercial winery.

- The largest landowners in the 5 valleys of northern Baja, Santo Tomás has access to some of the best fruit available. The quality and balance of their wines is a signature of the estate.

- Winemaker Laura Zamora passed the baton she held since 2003 to the talented Christina Pino in 2019 and the first results of Christina's efforts are all that we'd hoped for. Expect to see this estate delivering increasingly high levels of quality. Christina plans to lower yields, increase quality, and work towards fully organic farming.

Total production: 22 wines, 130,000 cases

2022 ST Cabernet - Santo Tomas

Tasting Notes and Drinking Window:

A beautiful light ruby red in the glass, notes of black cherry, blueberry, strawberry, pink peppercorn, and cedar on the nose. On the palate, the wine delights with a smooth silky mouthfeel that is remarkably fresh and finishes with a clean touch of bright acidity that leaves you thirsty for more. An excellent wine for an easy afternoon around the grill or slightly chilled at the beach. One to enjoy as soon as you can get your hands on it!

Life lesson: not all Cabernets have to be muscular and massive.

Let there be grace and elegance!

Drinking window: Upon release - 4 years

Vintage: 2022

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Producer: Bodegas Santo Tomas

Winemaker: Christina Pino - Spanish, lives in Mexico

Vineyards:

Santo Tomas is the largest land owner in the region and this Merlot comes form a selection of the younger vines spread throughout the holdings. The range of soil types is vast but here they are mainly working with sandy soils that have some iron rich clay mixed in as well.

Winemaking:

Fermented and aged in stainless steel tanks

Farming: Sustainable

Alcohol: 13%