

ARESTI

— PASION FAMILIAR —

Jon Usabiaga

Chief Winemaker
Aresti Chile Wine



Jon is agronomist from the Catholic University of Chile and Winemaker from the Chilean Winemaker Agronomy Engineering Association. In 1994, he began his career as Winemaker Assistant at Portal del Alto Winery; Winemaker at Bisquertt Winery; and finally, Chief Winemaker at Luis Felipe Edwards Winery, where he worked for almost 10 years.

He began his career as winemaker assistant at Viña Portal del Alto, owned by the prominent oenologist Alejandro Hernández – he was the first Chilean to hold a seat at the board of the OIV (Office International de la Vigne et du Vin). Then Jon was appointed chief winemaker at Luis Felipe Edwards winery in 1996, where he worked for almost 10 years, side by side with French consultant Gilbert Rokvam (Chateau Laffite) for three years and then with the Aussies Mike Farmilo (Penfolds Grange) and Brian Light for another seven years, gaining the best of the philosophy of both, old and new world wines.

He joined our team in December 2005. His work has been profoundly recognized after receiving numerous awards and medals for his high-quality wines. During all these years, Jon has led a deep change in all our wine styles, including the development of our flagship wine Código de Familia.

"We, as winemakers, are a bridge between grapes and wine, so quality starts at the vineyards and we have to reflect that and keep it in a bottle", Usabiaga explains.