

# CEO Y ENÓLOGO JEFE FELIPE MÜLLER

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Felipe Müller was born and raised in Santiago, Chile, in 1975, and nowadays he is considered one of the countries' most influential and important winemakers. He graduated in Agronomy with a distinction in Oenology and Viticulture from the renowned Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. He was honored for having the best score in the examination of Oenologist at the College of Agricultural Oenologist Engineers of Chile and later received a special mentioning for having the second-best wine thesis of his generation.

In 2001 he joined Viña De Martino as second winemaker, in charge of viticulture as well as the vinification for red and white wines. In this winery, he worked together with winemaker Marcelo Retamal, and formed a bold and renowned "Wine dupla". Together they investigated new wines, studied in depth various valleys and regions of Chile and vinified around 350 vineyards throughout the country.

Later, as part of his investigations, Felipe harvested at two famous Chateaux Grand Cru Classé in Saint Emilion in France: Chateau Canon La Gaffeliere and Chateau La Mondotte. He also travelled to Australia to visit the major areas such as Adelaide Hills, Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, and King Valley. Together with a group of prestigious expert geologists, Felipe visited the most exclusive areas and vineyards in each region of France, such as Bordeaux, Burgundy, Loire, Rhone, Alsace and Champagne. Other studies included technical visits to Priory in Spain and the valleys of Napa and Sonoma in the United States.

With time, Felipe got to know Limarí Valley (Chile) very closely, and once he tasted the area's first Chardonnay, he declared the region his love.

In 2006 he joined Tabali as Chief Winemaker. According to Felipe Müller "Tabali, though relatively young, has enormous potential, as shown by its outstanding Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir and Syrah wines". The winery's goal is to make the finest wines of the Limarí Valley and ultimately become a reference at a national level, by exploring new terroir and new plantations.

Felipe Müller was named 'Best Winemaker of the Year' in the sixteenth version of "Guía de Vinos de Chile 2010", Chile's oldest and most prestigious wine industry publication. This distinction was an important recognition for the enthusiasm, passion and dedication he puts in crafting wines. "Wine is my passion and an important part of my life. I feel capable of leveraging the knowledge I've built throughout these many years", says Felipe.

In the year 2011, Felipe was appointed as CEO, keeping his position as Chief Winemaker. From then Felipe was not only responsible for the quality of the wines but also for the global strategy of the company.

In January 2014 Felipe Müller was chosen 'Best Young Winemaker' (next to Aurelio Montes who was chosen Best Senior Winemaker) by El Mercurio, Chile's leading newspaper.

In March 2017, Tabali signed a joint venture agreement with Champagne Thiénot to produce sparkling wines under the brand, TATIÉ. Tabali offers the terroir, whereas Thiénot offers its know-how in producing champagne, originating from France. Felipe Müller was appointed CEO and Chief Winemaker of TATIÉ.

At the end of 2020, Felipe was chosen as the Best Winemaker of the Year by Guía Descorchados, the very complete wine guide of Patricio Tapia.

In 2022, he was selected as the Best Winemaker of the Year by the Mesa de Cata guide of the Club de Amantes del Vino - La Cav.

Lastly, in November 2023, Tabali dazzled by stepping onto the podium 5 times during the Mesa de Cata Guide Awards. In this 2024 edition of the guide, Felipe is once again chosen as the Best Winemaker of the Year, in addition to receiving awards for Best Winery of the Year, Best Chardonnay, Best Cabernet Sauvignon, Best Cabernet Franc, and extraordinary scores.



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