

The Carrodilla Estate

- **Founded:** 2009 by Fernando Pérez Castro
- **Winery location:** The winery and its vineyards are located in Valle de Guadalupe - mid valley, southern facing slope in the ejido of Francisco Zarco.
- **Region and grape source:** The winery is located in the center of Valle de Guadalupe, 10 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Grapes are estate sourced for all wines with the exception of "Canto de Luna" and "Ir y Venir".
- **Vineyard location, elevation and grape varieties:**
 - **Valle de Guadalupe** - estate vines - Southwest facing on a gentle slope, 1000 ft elevation. (Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Chenin Blanc)
- **Winemaker:** enologist Gustavo González (US born, Mexican heritage)
- **Notes**
 - This estate represents the first certified organic and biodynamic vineyards in Mexico.
 - All of the monovarietal wines are made from estate fruit.
 - They are one of the the first wineries in Mexico to make a fully certified organic and biodynamic wine.
 - Their organic certifications come from the USDA and CCOF.
 - Their biodynamic certification comes from IMO, with a second certification from Demeter planned to take effect in 2020.
 - To visit Carrodilla is to visit a true working farm, only part of the project is growing grapes and making wine.
 - Head wine maker Gustavo González, was the head winemaker for Italy's famous Super Tuscan "Masseto" during the early the late 90s and early 2000 vintages.
 - The labels are commissioned pieces by Tijuana based female LGBTQ artist Foi Jimenez.

Total production: 34.5 acres under vine, 7 wines, 8,500 cases



2024 Ir y Venir - La Carrodilla

Tasting Notes and Drinking Window:

The 2024 vintage reflects a year of exceptional climatic stability and ample water, allowing the vines to ripen evenly and without stress. The resulting Sauvignon Blanc shows striking purity and balance, with bright notes of lemon zest and grapefruit layered with white peach, honeydew melon, and fresh herbs. Compared to 2023, the palate offers a touch more mid-weight richness while maintaining lively acidity and a long, focused finish. Delicious on release, this wine will continue to develop gracefully over the next 5 to 6 years.

713 cases made

Drinking window: Upon release - 5 years

Vintage:

2023

Blend:

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Producer:

La Carrodilla

Winemaker:

Gustavo Gonzales - Mexican

Vineyards:

- Valle de Guadalupe - Estate vineyards planted in 2013 in sandy soils 8 miles from the Pacific on the southwest facing slope of Valle de Guadalupe. Harvested on Aug 25th.
- Valle de Guadalupe - Paraiso Vineyard planted from 2002 to 2005 in sandy soils containing some clay. Site is located very close to the Carrodilla winery on the same side of the valley. Harvest was on Aug 19th.
- The finished wine is around 50% from each of these neighboring vineyard sites.

Winemaking:

Harvest occurred on the 29th of August in small baskets to prevent bruising and in the early morning to preserve freshness. Once at the winery, the grapes were whole cluster pressed and fermented at low temperatures in open top stainless steel tanks for 20 days. After fermentation was complete, the wine was racked off the lees and left to rest in stainless steel tanks for 6 months before bottling.

Sulfites: 25 ppm

Farming:

Organic, sustainable

Alcohol:

13.5%