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In 1995, Didier graduated from Bordeaux University with a degree in Oenology. In the same year, he vinified his first vintage in Bordeaux. In 1998, Didier went to Chile for a few months to make wines in several areas and discovered the great wines from the new world. In 1999, the d'Aulan family entrusted him with winemaking at their Chateau Sansonnet (now a classifed growth of Saint Emilion). From 2000 to 2001, he consulted at Chateau Clinet and Chateau Croix du Casse in Pomerol with Jean Michel Arcaute, one of the most respected winemakers in Bordeaux. He also advised the d'Aulan Family with the acquisition of Chateau Dereszla (first classifed growth in Tokay, Hungary) during this time.

In 2002, the d'Aulan family selected Didier to become Head Winemaker of their prestigious Alta Vista winery in Mendoza, Argentina. He welcomed the opportunity to take part in Patrick d'Aulan's vision of creating the first Single Vineyard Malbec wines from Argentina. Until 2008, Didier also continued consulting for Chateau Sansonnet.

In 2009, Didier and Patrick d'Aulan began their exploration of old Malbec vineyards and forgotten terroirs in southern Chile. In 2012, after several micro vinificactions from various areas, Didier and Patrick d'Aulan founded Altamana winery in partnership, with Dider taking on 100% off the business in 2019.