small section of ice, taking us to the end of the ridge and a perfect summit platform. We named Peak 1,753m "Cerro Condor," an admittedly popular name given to several other Patagonian peaks. On September 28, another perfect day, all the students and we instructors repeated the climb. This time we protected the terrain and simul-climbed throughout.

The following day we returned to our cache and continued on our original way. On October 4 we reached the New Zealand Camp, where porters brought us 10-days food and fuel. Here, instead of going through Cerro Palo Pass and looping north and down-valley, we camped for 10 days and got familiar with the area. On October 6 seven students and we three instructors climbed Peak 2,050m from the north (not likely a first ascent). On October 11, 10 of us climbed the southeast aspect of Peak 2,143m (probably the second ascent), another pretty mountain, with 900' of consistent 70° snow on the face we climbed. We broke through an 80–85° corniced ridge, gaining a beautiful knife-edge ridge, and arrived on the rocky summit. We did most of the ascent and descent under strong winds and cold snow, making the fire back at camp even more enjoyable.

On October 15 nine of us attempted Peak 2,237m, in front of Cerro Palo, retreating from 2,150m after seven pitches of 65–75° hard snow, with a 20m section of 60° ice. The final portions of the summit ridge, a mix of snow and loose rock, remained. On October 17 we left the mountains, thankful for a good trip and with dreams of future projects.

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NORTHERN PATAGONIA

Cochamó, Pared de los Placeres, Hay Que Disfrutar and Erotica. In early February, Zoroastro Eduardo and I established two new routes in Cochamó, on Pared de los Placeres: Erotica and Hay Que Disfrutar, each 500m, 8 pitches, 5.10b. We placed no bolts, and the descents are walk-offs.

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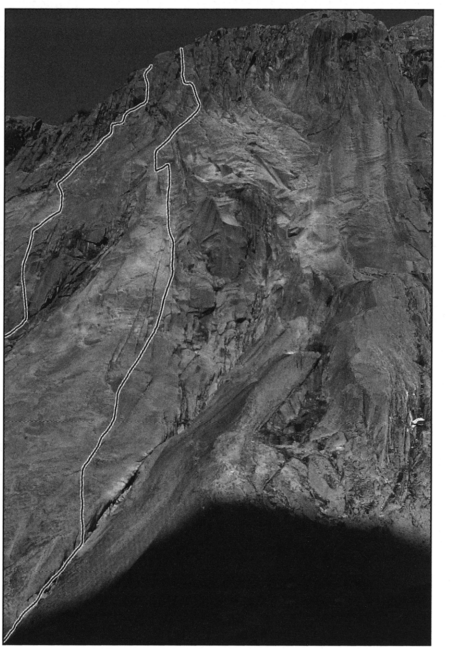

Pared de los Plazeres: Hay Que Desfrutar (left) and Erotica. *Thiago C. Porto*

Cochamó, Señor Cara de Papa, La Cara de Decepción. Mid-January, 2010, after two weeks of consistent rain, Matt Othmer and I established the first route on the last formation before the pass to El Monstruo, across the valley from Trinidad Sur. We called it Señor Cara de Papa (Mr. Potato Head), and our line, La Cara de Decepción (5.11+ A2+), climbed the beautiful north face on what looked to be perfect splitter granite cracks. Cochamo's face of deception was quite ugly. The splitter cracks turned out to be moss-covered and flared as hell, the moss creating an illusion of deep splitters. We placed four bolts on