



## Consistency and elegance. Ribera del Duero personality.

### HARVEST

We enjoyed good canopy development, production levels were normal, and there were no weather-related setbacks. Bud break was slightly early and the growing cycle was further brought forward over the ensuing months up to the ripening stage. Magnificent weather in September and early October, with significant temperature gaps between day and night and good solar radiation, induced optimally protracted ripening. The selected grapes arrived at the winery with superb sensory quality. Officially rated as 'Excellent'.

### VINEYARDS, VARIETIES & AGEING

100% Tinta del País from the estate-owned Fuentecojo, Otero joven and La Cueva vineyards surrounding our winery in Anguix, Burgos. They are planted on silt loam soils at an altitude close to 780 m/2,560 ft above sea level.

We started to pick the grapes, manually, in early October, in small 20 kg/44 lb boxes. The first selection was carried out at the vineyard, and we collected only the best bunches, perfectly ripe and in top condition. At the winery, a second selection was carried out at the sorting table, removing those clusters found to be less suitable. After gentle destemming and crushing, the grapes were placed in tanks where they underwent alcoholic fermentation at a temperature below 28°C/82°F. After 18 days of fermentation and maceration, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels, with weekly bâtonnages for two months. It was aged for 22 months in new French oak barrels (70%) and the rest in French oak barrels with two wines. We racked this wine three times, employing traditional methods, and bottled it in May 2018.

### PRESENTATIONS



### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol Content	pH
<b>14.5% Vol</b>	<b>3.80</b>
Total Acidity	IPT
<b>5.10 g/l</b>	<b>73</b>

### PAIRING

We particularly recommend it to enjoy char-grilled meat, large game, lamb and cured cheese. Roasted lamb.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright, full-depth, intense garnet-red with a dark-cherry red rim. The nose stands out for its underbrush, dark fruit (red currants, blackberries, blueberry jam and dark plums, rounded by a pleasant background of mocha, pastry, spices, black pepper, liquorice and cloves. Well-balanced, vibrant, fresh mouthfeel, with refined, amiable tannins, typical of these Ribera del Duero wines. The finish is fresh, with nerve, yet pleasantly round.