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Consistency and elegance. Ribera del Duero personality.

HARVEST

After a winter that was drier than those of previous years, cool spring temperatures slowed down bud break. A hot summer led to an optimal balance of our vineyards. The last days of ripening were also warm with cool nights, providing the wines with exceptional structure and volume. This vintage was rated Very Good. meeting all the necessary requirements for aging this wine.

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/2560 ft above sea level.

On October 15, we started to pick the grapes by hand, transporting them 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. A second selection was carried out at the winery sorting table. 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 16 days fermenting and macerating, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels, with weekly bâttonages over a two-month period. 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 February 2019.

PRESENTATIONS

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ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol Content 14.5% Vol	^{рН} 3.80
Total Acidity	Reduc. sug.:
5.30 g/l	1.5 g/l

PAIRING

Appetizers, vegetables and rice dishes. Domestic and game fowl Fish casseroles. Creamy and fairly young cheeses. Roast lamb.

TASTING NOTES

Medium-high intensity, garnet-redwith a dark cherry rim. Clean and bright. The nose is reminiscent of underbrush and dark fruit (blackberries, red currants, black plums) set against a spicy background with hints of cedar, liquorice, black pepper and nutmeg. It brings balance and elegance to the mouth, showing the power and structure of a Ribera del Duero with a fresh palate and a distinguished yet friendly finish, being a great reflection of the expression of our vineyard. Long and tasty aftertaste.