



# Balance, silkiness and power. Emblematic.

### HARVEST

One of the best for us in recent years. The reasons why: very favourable weather, vines in excellent condition, both in terms of development and health-wise, and very moderate production due to some shatter during flowering. So, we enjoyed ver loose, medium-sized clusters with smaller berries than in previous years. This was particularly the case with the Garnacha in finca La Pedriza, which produced highly aromatic wines thanks to greater varietal expression from this terroir. The official vintage rating was Excellent.

## VINEYARD, GRAPES & AGEING

The Tempranillo grapes (80%) come from our 30-year-old La Cuesta and Montecillo vineyards, located in Fuenmayor v Cenicero. The Garnacha (20%) comes from La Pedriza vineyard in Tudelilla (Rioja Baja). This 70 hectare property offers unbeatable conditions for growing this variety. Its nutrient-poor soil, covered with boulders, results in low grape yields and significant varietal typicity, rich in aromas, with a pleasant, elegant structure. We started picking in mid-October, manually and transported in refrigerated trucks to the winery.

Alcoholic fermentation took place naturally. Malolactic concluded at the end of the year. In March 2011, the selected wines were put in barrels to start ageing separately: the Tempranillo for 36 months with six manual rackings in American oak barrels averaging 4 years in age and the Garnacha for 30 months with five manual rackings in American oak barrels with two and three wines. The final blend took place after barrel ageing was completed. The wine was bottled in May 2015.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**



## ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol Content

13.5% Vol 3.56

Total Acidity

IРТ

 $6.01 \, \text{g/l}$ 

62

#### PAIRING

Roasted lamb, red meats, barbecues, large game, spicy fish casseroles, smoked and aged cheeses.

## TASTING NOTES

Medium-high intensity, garnet-red with a cherry rim. The nose stands out for its fresh, spicy character, with hints of sweet cherries, redcurrants and ripe strawberries assembled with notes of black pepper, sweet liquorice, nutmeg, coffee, mocha and cinnamon. Intense and well-balanced in the mouth, with a soft freshness, nice structure, and delicately elegant tannins. Silky finish, with a good aftertaste, where sweet red fruit and balsamic notes give it a broad ending.

