

EL JARDÍN DE LA EMPERATRIZ BLANCO 2022

CLIMATE CONDITIONS

The cold outset of spring delayed budbreak for about 10-15 days compared to what is considered usual at the estate. However, May gave way to an exponential increase in temperatures, with a first very early heat wave, taking place in the middle of flowering period.

Undoubtedly, a clear announcement of what would be the summer of this vintage, marked by successive heat waves that were also characterized by their long duration, inflicting a pronounced hydric stress to the vines. This inevitably caused summer season to be flagged by a very significant drought, with rainfall during vegetative period - from April to October - 60% below the average for the area where the vineyard is located.

High temperatures throughout the summer and water scarcity resulted in a higher concentration and lower natural acidity, which in the case of Finca La Emperatriz was less pronounced thanks to the estate's location. These same conditions also marked an early start to the harvest season compared to what is usual in the region.

Vintage 2022

Harvest Hand-harvested, between the 17th and the 20th September.

Varietals 100% Viura.

Wine-making Must, obtained after a soft crushing in an inert atmosphere, is kept with its pulp in suspension at low temperature for two days (for better aromatic extraction). After that, it is racked off lees by gravity and clean must ferments at controlled temperature between 15°C - 16°C. Once alcoholic fermentation is finished, wine remains with its fine lees in concrete tanks for two months, with weekly battonage.

Analysis

Alcohol	PH	Total acidity	Volatile acidity
13,4% vol.	3,30	5,7 g/l	0,40 g/l

Production 51,200 bottles of 75 cl.



ORIGIN

Region D.O.Ca Rioja, Rioja Alta.

Terroir Impressive terroir with a layer of large white pebbles to a depth of about 40 cm, covering a loose, sandy sub-soil. An ideal soil to grow vines, as it has excellent drainage, plenty of light and the roots are well placed to receive all the nutrients they require. The wines produced from this type of soil are fine and elegant.

Vineyard Mostly bush vines -80%- with an average age of 60 years, along with 20% of trellis vines.

Yields of 7,300 kg/ha (51,10 hl/ha).



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