

EL JARDÍN DE LA EMPERATRIZ BLANCO 2023

CLIMATE CONDITIONS

A warm vintage overall. April began with cold temperatures, but averaged out by mid-month, resulting in earlier than usual bud burst. Average temperatures continued throughout May and June, which ended on a high note. All in all, a spring with fluctuating temperatures (but without the heat peaks of the previous vintage, which could have had a negative impact) and quite dry until June, when there were a few days of rain, giving the plants a water reserve for the summer.

Compared to 2022, July brought moderate temperatures and, above all, cooler nights, which allowed gradual ripening without heat stress.

This trend changed in August, which was very warm, especially in the second half of the month, which the plant was better able to cope with as it had less accumulated water stress.

Fortunately, September began with rain and mild temperatures, which delayed the start of the harvest. This, together with the low temperatures in the middle of the month, slowed down the ripening process to an optimal time. This was particularly beneficial for the fresh and aromatic grapes.



Vintage 2023

Harvest Hand-harvested, between the 25th and the 27th 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
13,7% vol.	3,32	5,7 g/l	0,47 g/l

Production 58,200 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 7,900 kg/ha (55,60 hl/ha).



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