

EL JARDÍN DE LA EMPERATRIZ TINTO 2020

CLIMATE CONDITIONS

A very difficult year. The winter was mild, which led to an early budding, 10 days earlier than usual. At this point rainfall totalled 245 litres. It was a rainy spring all the way through, almost every week some rain fell up to 233 litres in total. This made things very complicated, as there were strong attacks of mildew. The challenge is greater when you work with organic vineyards. During the flowering period temperatures were low with constant rains, leading to a generalized millerandage in all the plots. Many of the flowers in the cluster aborted and did not develop into berries. Bunches dried by mildew, millerandage ... at times everything seemed a disaster.

But the greatness of a vineyard is that many situations which are catastrophic for the quantity, become magical to make great wines: vines with little load and very open bunches with small berries. All this, added to a dry and hot summer, allowed to achieve an incredible maturation resulting in wines that are powerful, but with great finesse.

Vintage 2020

Harvest Hand-harvested, between the 6th and the 14th of October.

Varietals 95% Tempranillo, 4% Garnacha, 1% Viura.

Wine-making Indigenous yeasts are used in half of the tanks. MLF in steel and concrete vats. The wine goes into barrels in spring.

Ageing 15 months in American (70%) and French (30%) oak barrels.

Analysis

Alcohol	PH	Total acidity	Volatile acidity
14,5 % vol.	3,70	5,5 g/l	0,63 g/l

Production 155,000 bottles, 5,000 Magnum.

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 Trellised vines with an average age of 25 years. With the same type of soil, gravel and pebbles on surface. At 570 meters altitude.

Yields of 6,000 kg/ha (41,20 hl/ha).



RATINGS

 Wine Advocate, 2020 **91+** points

 Guía Peñín, 2024 **91** ***** points

 James Suckling, 2023 **92** points

 Guía Proensa, 2024 **91** points

 Rioja Report, 2024 **92** points



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