





Zone: D.O. Ribera del Duero **Varieties:** 100% Tempranillo

Vineyards: between 40 and 60 years old **Soil:** clay and calcareous limestone

Alcoholic strenght: 14% Vol.

Ageing: 14 mounths in new Frech Oak barrels

Bottling date: march 2014 **Production:** 30.000 bottles

Harvest 2012

Winter and early spring with very irregular temperatures, gave way to warmer temperatures at the end of spring. During the beginning of the summer, temperatures were cooler than usual, but in August, they were somewhat higher than average. Precipitations were 45% less than average, but with a good distribution throughout the cycle, which allowed an adequate use of them. With this, sprouting was slightly delayed, but in the end, cycle was adjusted to the traditional dates. During the harvest, the decrease in rainfall allowed for a calm and quality harvest.

Production

The grapes are harvested by hand, and arrive at the winery in 12 kg boxes. Once in the winery, grapes are selected before being destemmed in order to get rid of the bunches that may contain unripe fruits, fungal contamination ord leaves. The destemmed grapes are placed in the tanks by transfer by gravity, which allows us to make wine without using pumps. The entire process is carried out by gravity, thusavoiding lacerations in the seed and the skin that may cause unpleasant herbaceous aromas. The fermentation is carried out at a controlled temperature not exceeding 28°C and with a controlled supply of oxygen (micro-oxygenation). Aged in new fine-grained and medium-toasted French oak barrels for 14 months.

Tasting notes

Delicious, ruby red color with violet iridescence. On the nose it is intense and persistent, the red fruits, raspberry and redcurrant are in perfect balance with the lactic nuances with touches of yogurt and mentholated background. Toasted and roasted notes that, when oxygenated, resemble caramel, coffee or chocolate. Silky, elegant and wide in the mouth. It is balsamic and fresh in the middle of the mouth. Harmonious finish with a long aromatic persistence.



