



Sierra Cantabria

SIERRA CANTABRIA SELECCIÓN

-2018-

"A fruity red, smooth, round perceptible tannin but with good acidity, perfect balance, easy to enjoy"

Marcos Eguren


VINEYARDS	Proprietary vineyards located in San Vicente de la Sonsierra and Laguardia DO. Calificada Rioja.
VINEYARDS	Altitude: 567m. (1860ft.) Soil: Calcareous clay with gravel. Environmental integrated agriculture cultivation, applying a viticulture respectful with the environment, following the biorhythms of the plant. Organic fertilization.
YIELD	Average yield: 43 Hls. /Ha.
HARVEST	Hand harvested bunches selected in the vineyard and in the winery by means of a sorting table. Date of Harvest: from the 18 th to the 24 th of October 2018.
VARIETY	Tempranillo 100%
WINE	FERMENTATION: Fermented with indigenous yeast selected from our own vineyards. Temperature control 28° C (82°F). Polyphenol and tannins extraction daily controlled. MACERATION: During fermentation (8 days) with two pump-overs. After alcoholic fermentation, an extended maceration of 6 days with reduced frequency of pump-overs to avoid the extraction of bitter characters. STABILIZATION: Cold stabilized AGING: 6 months in tank and 6 months in 225 L American and French oak barrels (age of the barrels: maximum 3-wines per barrel).
WINEMAKER	Marcos Eguren



VINTAGE:

After the 2017 wine harvest there was very little precipitation until early December, when there was some snow followed by several days of light rain. On 6th January there was a heavy snowfall and, from then until the end of March, there was abundant precipitation, much of it in the form of snow, with around 360ml measured at the beginning of April. In April there was a slight increase in the temperatures, with bud break starting in the third week and the rain returning for several days.

May began with cold temperatures overnight until the 12th May, when some lower areas had some light frost. From that date onwards, the temperature rose, leading to very fast plant growth, so much so that at the end of May, the earliest areas saw the first flowers, coinciding with a period of abundant rain. After the second half of June, temperatures rose, the rain stopped, and the growing season sped up, with full flowering beginning in mid-June and ending on 24th June.

The month of July began with storms and lower temperatures than usual, with outbreaks of mildew appearing, which were kept under control since the temperatures were cool. From mid-July a dry and sunny period began.

At the beginning of August the veraison began, and progressed quickly due to the good temperatures, which was followed by a dry August and early September, which greatly helped the development of the vines and the ripening of the grapes. In mid-September three days of light rain caused moments of uncertainty for the health of the grapes. However, because the rain stopped, the ripening process continued, proving healthy and balanced, producing larger grape sizes than in previous years. October began with temperatures within the annual average, and there was no rain at all.

The wine harvest started on the 8th October for the white varieties (with the exception of Sauvignon Blanc and Tempranillo Blanc), and on 12th October for the red varieties, with the wine harvests being cool, sunny and dry.

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