



## Consistency and elegance. Ribera del Duero personality.

### HARVEST

Budding began in late April and thanks to the favourable spring weather, the vegetative cycle progressed smoothly. The low rainfall meant fewer clusters per vine and smaller berries in a top-quality harvest, given the good ratio of skin surface area to berry volume. This factor played a decisive role to define this vintage, which was officially rated *Excellent*.

### VINEYARD, GRAPES & AGEING

100% Tinta del País from our **Fuentecajo, La Cueva and Otero Joven** vineyards surrounding the winery in Anguix, Burgos. They are planted on silt-loam soils at 780m elevation.

We began the harvest on 8 October, making the most of the cool mornings. When the grapes were perfectly ripe, we selected and hand-picked the finest bunches in the vineyard and placed them in 20 kg boxes. Once in the winery, we carried out a second manual selection, eliminating the least suitable clusters for this particular vinification process. After gentle destemming and crushing, the grapes underwent alcoholic fermentation at a temperature below 28° C. After 19 days fermenting and macerating, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels with weekly lees stirring over a two-month period. The wine was aged for 16 months in new French oak barrels (75%) and the rest in second-use French oak vessels. The wine was racked three times employing traditional methods and bottled in May 2021.

### PRESENTATIONS



### ANALYTIC DATA

Alcohol Content	pH	
15% Vol	3,76	
Residual sugars	IPT	Service temperature
1,5 g/l	80	17°

### PAIRING

Recommended with appetizers, vegetables and rice dishes. Poultry and game birds. Fish stews. Mature cheese. Roast lamb and suckling lamb.

### TASTING NOTES

Intense crimson colour with dark red rim and bright robe. Forest floor and black fruit notes stand out on the nose: blackcurrant, blackberry and blueberry jam wrapped with mocha, confectionery and spices such as black pepper, liquorice and clove on the background. Balanced, vibrant and fresh mouthfeel, with the characteristic fine, gentle tannins of these Ribera del Duero wines. The aftertaste is fresh and sinewy, nicely rounded with a very pleasant finish. An elegant wine, with outstanding balance and excellent ageing potential.