

Finca La Emperatriz

PARCELA N°1 2008



BODEGAS
La Emperatriz

vintage

Year	2008
Climate	Budding began late due to a very cold spring. Almost immediately afterwards we suffered a rainy period which forced to act quickly to look after the health of our vineyard. All summer was quite cool, so ripening was slow. The harvest took place two weeks later than normal, and the wines show the characteristics of the vintage, well-balanced, fresh and fruity.

origin

Region	Rioja Alta · D.O.C. Rioja
Plot	Individually selected vines from Plot n°1.
Soil	An impressive soil, with a top layer of 40cm of large whitish pebbles over a loose, sandy sub-soil. Very elegant wines are usually made in these sort of soils; they are ideal for growing grapes, as they have excellent drainage, deep root structure, limited access to nutrients and perfect illumination.
Vineyard	David González, our winemaker, picks out individual vines with a maximum of four bunches per plant.

technical data

Harvest	Picked by hand on 16, 17 and 18 October, into cases of 15kg each.
Grape variety	Tempranillo 100%
Wine-making	It took 20 minutes to get the grapes from the vineyard to the winery. Once there, a further selection took place to remove any leaves and individual grapes that were not absolutely perfect. The grapes were then fermented in different types of container, wooden and stainless steel tanks and up-ended barrels.
Ageing	18 months in fine-grained French oak barrels. The wine was neither fined nor stabilised before bottling.
Analysis	Alcohol: 14.7 vol / PH: 3,69 / Total Acidity: 3.6 g/l / Volatil Acidity: 0.56 g/l
Tasting note	Deep cherry red in colour, virtually black at its centre, but still with a violet rim. Bright, brilliant. Viscous, thick. The aroma is an explosion of scents of fruit, lactic, toasted and spicy aromas. Extremely mineral and very very complex. The palate is intense, concentrated and robust, full and round. The aftertaste is very persistent, the flavours of grape returning once again. This wine is the perfect expression of the soil from which it comes, the definition of Tempranillo from Finca la Emperatriz.

