



BODEGAS  
La Emperatriz



## Finca La Emperatriz TEMPRANILLO 2009

VINTAGE

ORIGIN

TECHNICAL DATA

Year	2009
Climate	The first shoots were seen later this year due to the low temperatures at the beginning of Spring. However, they soon caught up thanks to the excellent weather in May and June. As there was no rain at all during the summer, the veraison took place a week before the historical average. The drought and high temperatures continued through to September, when we received, finally, some heavy showers. An optimum ripeness was achieved by the end of the month.
Official quality	Official rating still pending
Denominación de Origen	D.O.Ca Rioja
Region	Rioja Alta
Plot	Selected from certain plots of the “Finca la Emperatriz” estate
Soil	<b>Finca la Emperatriz:</b> 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	Vines of between 5 and 20 years of age, with high training of the canopy
Harvest	By hand, in the second and third weeks of October
Grape variety	Tempranillo 100%
Wine-making	Grapes are carefully selected in the vineyard and then reach the winery just 10 minutes after harvest. They are cold-soaked for 8 days and then take another 8 days to ferment, during which time the wine is pumped over to achieve perfect extraction of colour and polyphenols. The skins and heavy lees are then removed and the wine is kept on its lees with regular stirring for another three months.
Ageing	No oak ageing
Analysis	Alcohol: 13,80 % vol PH: 3,63 Total acidity: 4,00 g/l Volatile acidity: 0,40 g/l
Tasting note	Deep and opaque cherry red with a touch of violet at the edges. The nose is distinctly varietal, typical of cool-climate Tempranillo; licorice, violets. The mouth is full and rich. The aftertaste is light and well-balanced, with certain mineral elements, which is to be found throughout all the wines from our estate.

