

Finca La Emperatriz

TERRUÑO 2007



BODEGAS
La Emperatriz

VINTAGE

Year	2007
Climate	The beginning of winter was very cold and dry, but it ended with heavy snowfalls that prepared the soils and helped the first shoots. During flowering there were frequent showers which lead to uneven pollination, which meant that many bunches were small and rather straggly. August temperatures were relatively cool, so ripening was slow and even. As a result, the grapes showed a very balanced, full ripeness and were intensely aromatic.

ORIGIN

Region	Rioja Alta · D.O.Ca Rioja
Plot	Plot number 10. Part of this plot is our experimental vineyard, where we practice a precise viticulture, leading to the production of intensely fruity Tempranillo grapes.
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	This vineyard is trained to 2 meres high to achieve the greatest possible exposure to the sunlight. Within this experimental plot there are a range of pruning and training systems, both lyre and cordon.

TECHNICAL DATA

Harvest	By hand into 20kg crates, between the 16th and 18th October
Grape variety	Tempranillo 100%
Wine-making	After a night in a refrigerated container, the grapes then undergo a cold soak. They are then fermented in three different types of recipient: stainless steel tanks, a special tank made of steel and oak and open-topped barrels.
Ageing	In first and second year oak barrels, of which 70% are French oak, 30% American oak. After 18 months in barrel, the wine was bottled in August 2009.
Analysis	Alcohol: 14 % / PH: 3,68 / Total acidity: 3,6 g/l / Volatile acidity: 0,42 g/l
Tasting note	Deep raspberry in colour and very dense, but still with violet hints at the edges. Densely staining the side of the glass, it is very opaque. The nose is clear and complex, with a clear varietal aroma of Tempranillo. As well as the intense rich fruit, we find aniseed, nutty and mineral notes. The palate is intense, concentrated and robust although quite mature and drinkable. The aftertaste is spicy and mineral. This wine has a long life ahead of it!

