



BODEGAS  
La Emperatriz



## Finca La Emperatriz TERRUÑO 2006

VINTAGE

ORIGIN

TECHNICAL DATA

Year	2006
Climate	There was little rain or snow in winter, so budding was weak. Flowering and bunch set was normal, but was clearly marked by the drought, which was broken shortly afterwards by heavy rains. This water was vital for the plants over the summer months and the grapes ripened slowly and evenly. Despite the presence of a few storms towards the end of summer, the harvest was uneventful and the grapes were very healthy.
Official quality	Very good
Denominación de Origen	D.O.Ca Rioja
Region	Rioja Alta
Plot	A quarter of the grapes come from plot number 4, 65 year-old Tempranillo. The rest is taken from vines from our experimental plot, where we practice intensive, precise viticultural methods to achieve the very best Tempranillo possible.
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	In plot number 4, 65 year-old bush vines. The experimental vines are trained in three different ways: a free 'Cordon', lyre and a very high Cordon.
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 are selected to remove any leaves or unripe or imperfect grapes. 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 25% are French oak, 25% American and the rest made from a mixture of the two. After 14 months in barrel, the wine was fined with egg white and bottled on 15 January 2007.
Analysis	Alcohol: 14% PH: 3,61 Total acidity: 3,6 g/l Volatile acidity: 0,54 g/l
Tasting note	Deep raspberry in colour and very dense, but still with violet hints at the edges. The nose presents a wide range of fruity sensations, all the way from fresh strawberries and blackberries to cherries in liqueur. Behind all of this we find mineral notes, toast and toffee. The palate is intense, concentrated and robust and is still clearly quite young. The aftertaste is spicy and mineral. This wine has a long life ahead of it!

