

Finca La Emperatriz

VIURA CEPAS VIEJAS 2008



BODEGAS
La Emperatriz

vintage

Year	2008
Climate	The first buds appeared later than usual, due to low temperatures at the beginning of Spring. Then there were many more rainy days than usual, which meant that we had to be on our guard in the vineyards. Summer was not particularly hot, so ripening was slow and regular. Finally, the harvest took place two weeks later than usual, so the wines from this vintage are particularly well-balanced and elegant, with lots of fruit.

origin

Region	Rioja Alta · D.O.C. Rioja
Plot	Individual vines with low production are selected from within a single plot within the “Finca la Emperatriz” estate, known simply as Plot Number 2.
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	Bush vines over 50 years old. Out of these vines, individual plants which produce less than one kilo of grapes are selected.

technical data

Harvest	By hand, into small crates, in the second half of September.
Grape variety	Viura 100%
Wine-making	Barrels made of French and American oak are placed into a refrigerated container in order to keep the temperature below 15°C.
Ageing	The wines were kept on their fine lees for some nine months, and the lees were stirred three times a week during that period. After bottling, the wine was kept in bottle for a further twelve months before being released.
Analysis	Alcohol: 13 vol / PH: 3.35 / Total Acidity: 3.8 g/l / Volatil Acidity: 0,42 g/l
Tasting note	This wine is a pale golden colour, clean and brilliant, visibly dense. The nose is tremendously complex; first of all there is the aroma of freshly baked bread, followed by citric and peach aromas. The mineral elements of the terroir appear to surround the other scents. Over time, the wine develops elegantly. On the palate the wine is powerful, full and rich, but also crisp and lively, as the taste of fruit appears once again.

