



FINCA La Emperatriz

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CRIANZA 2015

Vintage: 2015

Climate Conditions: At Finca La Emperatriz after a rainy winter and important snowfalls, we had a mild temperature spring. May was very dry and warm, with the highest temperatures since 1964 and the driest since 1928. June was rainy with storms and strong winds, ending with high temperatures in July, the warmest since the nineteenth century with the highest minimum temperatures of history. August's second fortnight was very fresh, with a day-night gradient of up to 20°, with isolated rains and storms that provided enough water for a perfect maturation. September began with some rain continuing dry with mild temperatures during the day and low at night, optimum conditions for a perfect and balanced maturation with a good sanitary condition. The harvest started 10 days earlier in the earliest plots of red and whites, but then it slowed down due to low temperatures during the nights that reached 1° C on October 15.

Harvest: Manual, between 3rd and 23rd of October.

Varietals: Tempranillo (95%), Garnacha (3%) and Viura (2%).

Wine-making: After the selection of bunches in the field, they fermented in stainless steel tanks for 6 days, with slight pumping for a perfect extraction of polyphenols and color, extending the maceration for 12 days. Malolactic fermentation in tank.

Ageing: 14 months in 225 liter barrels: 80% American and 20% French oak.

Analysis: Alcohol 13.7% vol./PH: 3.66 / Total acidity: 5.4 g / l./ Volatile acidity: 0.56 g / l.

Tasting Notes: Clear ruby colour with bright garnet rim. Ripe red and black fruit with spicy (white pepper) aromas and fresh balsamic notes in a wine where the fruit takes centre stage. Medium-bodied as befits the crianza style but with an extra firmness on this vintage that will carry the wine through its development. A solid red with a slightly chalky finish that puts the accent on terroir before the ageing category.

Production: 179,800 75cl bottles and 9,200 Magnum.

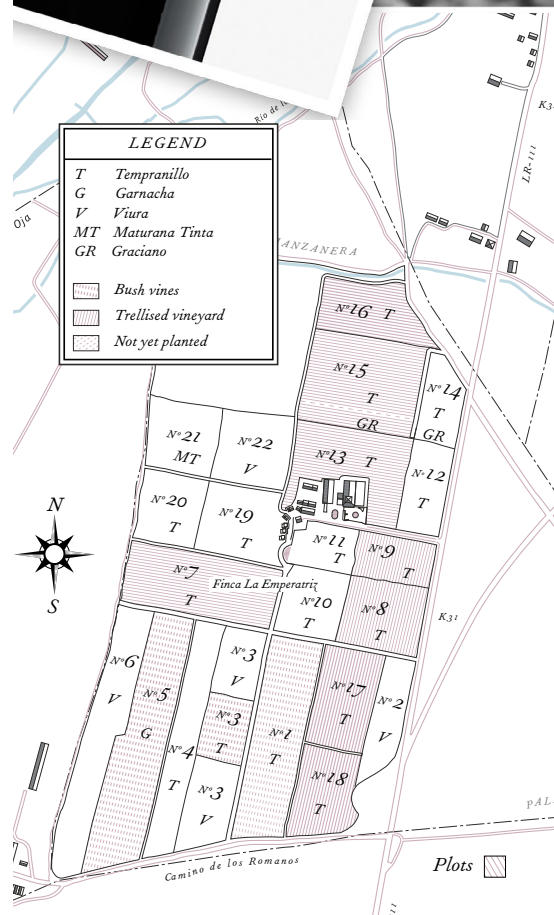
ORIGIN

Region
Rioja Alta, D.O.Ca. Rioja.

Plot
Assemblage of plots 1,3,5,7,8,9,13,15,16,17 and 18 of Finca de la Emperatriz.

Terroir
Spectacular terrain with a white pebble surface layer of 40 cm that completely hides a soil with a sandy loam structure. A terroir characterized for contributing elegance to the wines and for being ideal for the cultivation of the vine, endowing the vineyard with good drainage, adequate lighting of the clusters, a good root arrangement and a limited supply of nutrients.

Vineyard
Vineyards with ages between 15 and 65 years old. Bush and trellised vines with yields of 6,200 kg / ha (41hl / ha). Average age of the vineyard: 25 years.



Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

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