



# FINCA La Emperatriz

~ Viñedo singular desde 1878 ~

## GARNACHA CEPAS VIEJAS 2015

**Vintage:** 2015

**Climate Conditions:** In our estate, winter was wet and had heavy snowfalls, but spring started off mild. May was extremely dry and hot, with the highest temperatures since 1964 and lowest rainfall since 1928. June was stormy and windy, but ended hot to be followed by the hottest July since the XIXth century and the highest minimum temperatures ever recorded. The second half of August cooled down somewhat, with 20°C difference between day and nighttime temperatures and occasional showers. These continued into early September, which was otherwise dry and mild and cool at night, ideal weather for achieving ripeness with perfect health. The harvest began about 10 days earlier than normal, though very low nighttime temperatures – as low as just 1°C on 15th October – slowed the ripening.

**Harvest:** Hand-picked on the 16th of October.

**Varietals:** 100% Garnacha.

**Wine-making:** After harvesting, the grapes were stored in a refrigerated container overnight, followed by a cold maceration at 8°C for 5 days. The wine fermented in an open tank of stainless steel and later devatted into in 500 litre barrels where malolactic fermentation took place. Afterwards, in the same barrels, the wine was aged in its fine lees.

**Ageing:** Aged in 500 litres barrels of new and second-year french oak, for 11 months.

**Analysis:** Alcohol 14,4% / pH:3,54 / Total acidity: 5,1 g/l / Volatile acidity: 0,45 g/l.

**Tasting Notes:** Medium garnet colour. Fragrant and vivacious nose with wild berries, pomegranate, grapefruit, aromatic herbs (rosemary) and abundant spicy notes (white pepper). Lively fragrance on the palate with more of those fruity, spicy notes present on the nose. Very fresh and aromatic, with that savoury character found in the best Garnachas and notable persistence. Beguilingly seductive.

**Production:** 9,411 75cl bottles and 244 magnums.

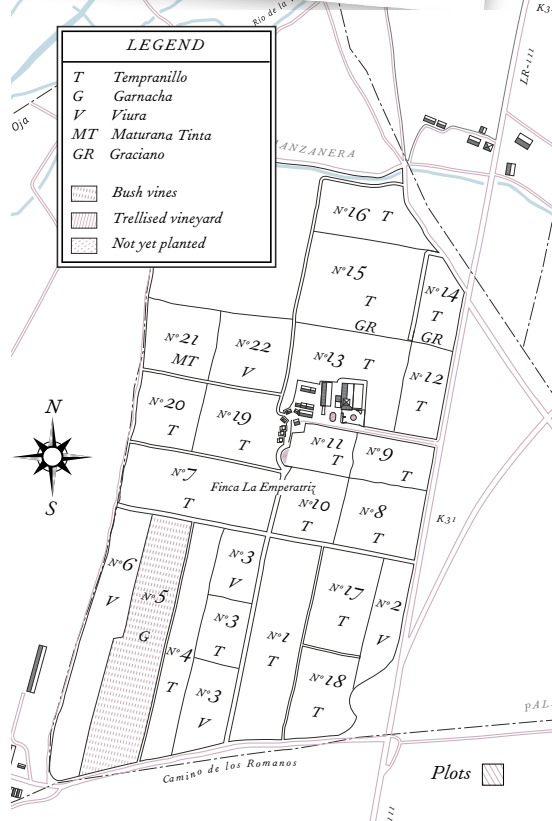
### ORIGIN

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

**Plot**  
Plot number 5, one of the stoniest of the whole vineyard.

**Terroir**  
Impressive terroir with a layer of large white pebbles to a depth of about 40 cm, covering a loose, sandy sub-soil. This is an ideal soil to grow vines, as it has excellent drainage, plenty of light and the roots are well placed to receive all the nutrients they require. The wines produced from this type of soil are fine and elegant.

**Vineyard**  
Bush vines with an average age over 60 years. Yields of 4,770 kg/ha (31 hl/ha).



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