



FINCA La Emperatriz

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RESERVA 2014

Vintage: 2014

Climate Conditions: In Finca la Emperatriz, after a rainy and mild winter, spring arrived strong triggering an early and homogeneous sprouting. The summer, with storms and isolated showers, began with a warm June, while the months of July and August passed by with temperatures lower than usual. The autumn was very hot and rainy, causing an early maturation that allowed us to harvest before the appearance of cryptogamic diseases. A year in which an exhaustive work in the vineyard made all the difference to produce great wines.

Harvest: Manual, between the 7th and the 22nd of October.

Varietals: Tempranillo (94%), Garnacha (3%), Viura (2%) and Graciano (1%).

Wine-making: Bunch selection in the field. Two days of cold pre-fermentation maceration. Fermentation at controlled temperature for 8 days with gentle pumping, and further maceration for 10 days.

Ageing: 24 months in 225 liter barrels: 70% American and 30% French oak. Part of the wine goes through the malolactic fermentation in barrels.

Analysis: Alcohol 14.1% vol. / PH: 3.59 / Total acidity: 5.5 g/l / Volatile acidity: 0.63 g/l.

Tasting Notes: Intense ruby colour. Black fruit, liquorice and black pepper aromas over a spicy, balsamic (vanilla and cedar) background. It is a serious, slightly austere wine that nevertheless manages to be harmonious with good freshness, well-integrated oak and round tannins. This wine will have a good evolution in bottle.

Production: 42,000 bottles of 75 cl and 985 magnums.

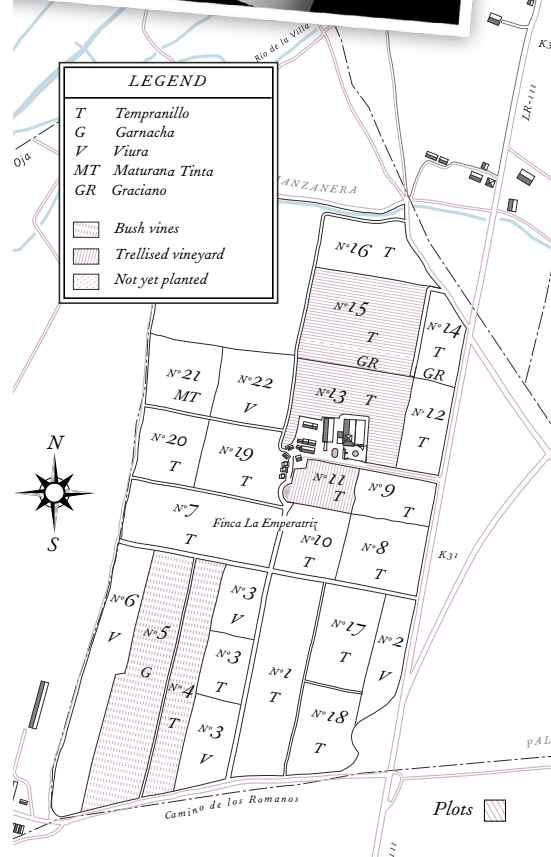
ORIGIN

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

Plot
Assemblage of plots 4,5,11,13 and 15 of Finca 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
Bush vines with an average age of 45 years. Yields of 4,500 kg/ha (31.5 hl/ha).



Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE
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