



FINCA  
**La Emperatriz**

~ Viñedo singular desde 1878 ~

## VIURA 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 into 18 kg crates on the 24th of September.

**Varietals:** 100% Viura.

**Wine-making:** The juice was fermented for 10 days in 20 french oak barrels of 225 litres and in 1 of 500 litres. Barrels were new and of second and third use.

**Ageing:** Aged for 10 months in barrels.

**Analysis:** Alcohol 13,3% / pH:3,32 / Total acidity: 5,4 g/l / Volatile acidity: 0,39 g/l.

**Tasting Notes:** Deep lemon colour. Complex, opulent nose with white fruit (apple) and apricot aromas followed by creamy, spicy notes from the oak (butter, nutmeg). Wide and creamy palate bursting with white fruits, unctuous texture and elegant toasty notes on the finish. Round and ready to be enjoyed now but with enough structure to evolve over the next five years.

**Production:** 5,148 75cl bottles and 100 magnums.

### ORIGIN

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

### Plot

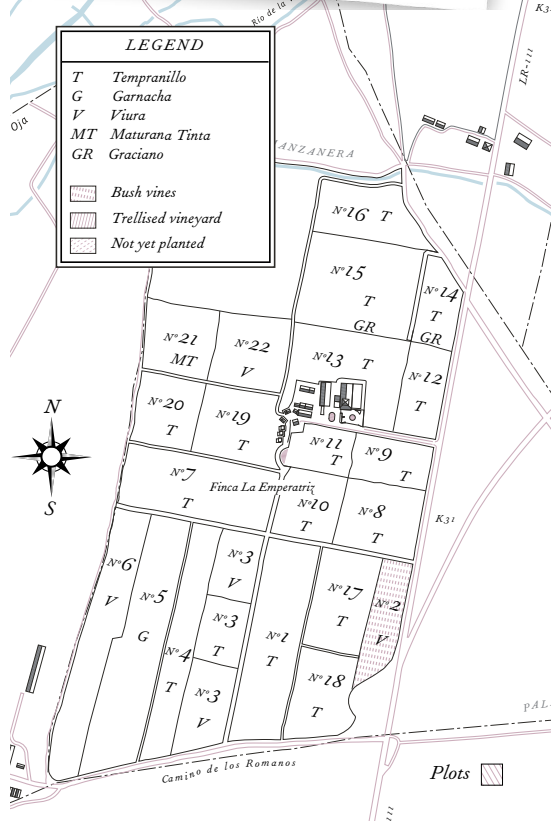
Selected from the lowest-yielding vines of plot number 2 of the Finca La Emperatriz estate, leading to more concentrated aromas.

### 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 4,000 kg/ha (26 hl/ha).



**Tim Atkin** MW

93  
POINTS

*Robert Parker*  
WINE ADVOCATE

91+  
POINTS

