

# EL JARDÍN DE LA EMPERATRIZ TINTO 2019

## CLIMATE CONDITIONS

A generally stable wine-growing year, with accumulated temperatures that can be considered average for the region and annual rainfall of 440 mm. The most important episode took place in August, when a hailstorm slightly and unevenly affected some plots at Finca La Emperatriz. This had no influence whatsoever in terms of health, but it did have an impact on the quantity of grapes, preventing them from developing uniformly. Less vigorous vines allowed the growth of less compact bunches and smaller grapes, key conditions for maximum quality.

The summer was dry and sunny, allowing optimal ripening and an impeccable vineyard's vegetative state. The harvest arrived with perfect weather conditions, being shorter than in previous years, due to the smaller quantity of grapes -a generalized situation in all the Rioja D.O.Ca and other nearby D.O.'s-.

In short, an exemplary vintage, with a low harvest, of extraordinary quality, and possibly memorable in Rioja.

**Vintage** 2019

**Harvest** Hand-harvested, between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Varietals** 92% Tempranillo, 6% Garnacha, 2% Graciano.

**Wine-making** Indigenous yeasts are used in half of the tanks. MLF in steel and concrete vats. The wine goes into barrels in March.

**Ageing** 12 months in American (70%) and French (30%) oak barrels.

### Analysis

Alcohol	PH	Total acidity	Volatile acidity
14,3 % vol.	3,72	5,5 g/l	0,53 g/l

**Production** 133,000 bottles, 8,000 Magnum.



## RATINGS



Wine Advocate, 2020 **91** points



Guía Peñín, 2021 **91** \*\*\*\*\* points

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James Suckling, 2021 **90** points

## ORIGIN

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

**Terroir** Impressive terroir with a layer of large white pebbles to a depth of about 40 cm, covering a loose, sandy sub-soil. 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** Trellised vines with an average age of 25 years. With the same type of soil, gravel and pebbles on surface. At 570 meters altitude.

Yields of 6,400 kg/ha (41,60 hl/ha).



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