

VIÑEDO SINGULAR EL MANAO 2017



WINE INTRODUCTION

The name of the vineyard, El Manao, is a local word referring to an area of natural springs on the banks of the River Ebro. 100 % of the grapes are handpicked from Tempranillo vines grown in an area known as "El Manao". This little gem covers just 0.24 hectares and was planted with goblet-trained vines in square formation in 1927 (although in the records of the Rioja Control Board it appears as 1952). It is situated at an altitude of 410m, on a hill with a 20% incline facing perfectly south. It is presided over by a majestic walnut tree. The vineyard has markedly clayey-calcareous soil with a medium-level organic matter content and change capacity, perfect for growing vines.

WINEMAKER VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Classified as "very good", in Rioja Alta it was a generally dry year, with a severe frost on 28th April. Production was 720 kg with a yield of 3,000 kgs/ha. Harvesting started early on 23rd September.

WINEMAKING NOTE

After destemming, the grapes were selected and placed in a 500L stainless-steel tank where they were left to ferment for 14 days without post-maceration. 460L of wine were made, enough to fill two new 225L Premium French oak barrels on 3rd October 2017, where it remained for the next 22 months without racking. The wine was bottled on 14th April 2020. The careful selection and low yield from this vineyard meant that we were only able to put 576 bottles on the market. It is one of the few Rioja wines on the market to receive the designation of Viñedo Singular (Singular Vineyard) in its inaugural harvest.

APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

Intense garnet red in colour. The nose is elegant and full of nuances. Initially there are notes of ripe fruit, black fruit jam, liquorice, soft toasted notes, coffee and tobacco in the background. On the palate it is an intense, ample and enveloping wine, full of personality, with round tannins. Its long and persistent finish is due to the intensity with which the fruit and toasted aromas reappear on the palate.

WINE INFORMATION

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| Country: | Spain |
| Region: | La Rioja |
| Sub-region: | Rioja Alta |
| Wine Type: | Red wine |
| Producer: | Viñedos de Sonsierra - Viñedo Singular |
| Wine Name: | El Manao |
| Vintage: | 2017 |
| Principle Grape (%): | Tempranillo (100) |
| Closure: | Wax & Cork |
| Winemaker Name: | Rafa Usoz |
| ABV (%): | 14.50 |
| Acid (g/L): | 5.7 |
| pH: | 3.7 |
| Bottle Size: | 75cl |
| Case/Pack Size: | 6x75cl |

WINE AWARDS

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| Tim Atkin: | 95 points |
| Decanter Magazine: | 91 points |
| Jancis Robinson: | 17.5 points |