

VIÑEDO SINGULAR EL RINCÓN DE LOS GALOS 2017



WINE INTRODUCTION

El Rincón de los Galos is situated on a mountain pass with an abundance of stones in the different strata, both of cemented sedimentary rock (sandstones) and clayey calcareous conglomerate on the cultivated surface. 100% of the grapes are handpicked from Tempranillo vines grown in an area known as “El Rincón de los Galos”. The vineyard was planted in square formation with goblet-trained vines in 1947 and is situated on a hill at 490 m above sea level, with a slight 8% incline facing perfectly south. The soil has low organic matter content and change capacity. It is clayey calcareous with a sandy texture. The grapes ripen early due to the texture of the soil.

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 2,620 kg with a yield of 3,797 kgs/ha. Harvesting was very early on 20th September 2017.

WINEMAKING NOTE

After destemming, the grapes were selected and placed in a stainless-steel tank where they were left to ferment for 16 days without post-maceration. 1575L of wine were made, enough to fill seven new 225L premium French oak barrels on 5th October 2017, where the wine remained for 18 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 2,016 bottles on the market. It is one of the few Rioja wines on the market to receive the designation of Viñedo Singular (Singular Vineyard) for its inaugural harvest.

APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

Deep garnet red colour with a violet rim. Concentrated, elegant and complex on the nose. Maximum expression of the perfect harmony between fruit and wood: blackberries, black fruit, liquorice, notes of coffee, chocolate and hints of minerals. It is a silky and enveloping wine that fills the mouth. Endowed with velvety tannins, with an incredibly long finish, full of nuances due to the mixture of fruity and mineral aromas wrapped in the subtle notes of wood.

WINE INFORMATION

Country:	Spain
Region:	La Rioja
Sub-region:	Rioja Alta
Wine Type:	Red wine
Producer:	Viñedos de Sonsierra - Viñedo Singular
Wine Name:	El Rincón de los Galos
Vintage:	2017
Principle Grape (%):	Tempranillo (100)
Closure:	Wax & Cork
Winemaker Name:	Rafa Usoz
ABV (%):	14.50
Acid (g/L):	5.6
pH:	3.65
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl

WINE AWARDS

Tim Atkin:	96 points
Decanter Magazine:	95 points
Jancis Robinson:	17.5 points