

### VINTAGE

### ORIGIN

### TECHNICAL DATA

Year	2007
Climate	Winter started off cold and dry, but at the very end - in fact, the first day of spring - a heavy snow fall provided adequate moisture for the first shoots. Rain during pollination lead to small, loose bunches and the rest of the summer was relatively cool resulting in ripe and aromatic grapes.
Official quality	Very good
Denominación de Origen	D.O.Ca Rioja
Region	Rioja Alta
Plot	Plot Number 1 of "Finca la Emperatriz"
Soil	<b>Finca la Emperatriz:</b> an impressive soil, with a top layer of 40cm of large whitish pebbles over a loose, sandy sub-soil. Very elegant wines are usually made in these sort of soils; they are ideal for growing grapes, as they have excellent drainage, deep root structure, limited access to nutrients and perfect illumination.
Vineyard	From the Number 1 plot, individual vines were selected by the winemaker, with the criteria that each should have no more than four bunches.
Harvest	By hand, between the 16th and the 18th of October
Grape variety	Tempranillo 100%
Wine-making	Just 20 minutes after picking, the grapes were in the winery and on the selection table, and any imperfect grapes or leaves were removed. The grapes were then placed into a range of different fermentation vessels: little wooden tanks, stainless steel tanks and open-ended barrels. Fermentation and skin-contact took place in these vessels.
Ageing	18 months in new French oak barrels. The wine was bottled without stabilisation or clarification.
Analysis	Alcohol: 14,70 % PH: 3,69 Total acidity: 3,60 g/l Volatile acidity: 0,56 g/l
Tasting note	Deep, dark cherry in colour with a deep black centre, although there are still touches of violet at the edge. Viscous, inky in the glass. The nose is intense and complex, an explosion of ripe red and black fruits, with toastiness, chocolate and spices. The palate is concentrated and robust, both mouth-filling and velvety. The fruity sensation carries through to the aftertaste and once again, returns to the mineral keynote of our estate.

