

EL SACRAMENTO 2014

Single Vineyard · Viñas Leizaola

PRODUCTION AREA

Own Vineyards in Laguardia. Rioja Alavesa

FINAL BLEND

Tempranillo 96% · Graciano 4%

PRODUCTION / VINIFICATION

Harvest in 12kg crates with manual selection of bunches and mechanical selection of individual grapes. Plot-by-plot vinification. Malolactic fermentation in barrels, 15 months of maturation in French oak.

A GREAT CLASSIC VINTAGE

The vineyard was in good condition after the mild winter. Good weather conditions and high temperatures in June ensured homogenous flowering, which started on 7 June. The ensuing rains contributed to good grape development.

The relatively cool and humid weather in July lead to soil mineralization and nitrogen concentration in the vine stocks, which increase the risk of botrytis. As a result, considerable green harvesting, which hastens ripeness, was carried out in late August to eliminate this risk. Véraison began on 2 August and was 50% complete a week later.

Throughout September, which was hot, windy, and stormy, the sanitary state of the vineyard remained excellent. The harvest took place on 26 and 27 September and 2 and 3 October to ensure optimal grape maturity in each plot.

Annual rainfall: 518 mm

TASTING NOTE 24 NOVEMBER 2020

COLOUR

Medium cherry red colour with a slight evolution on the rim.

NOSE

Without moving the glass, lactic and slightly balsamic notes are initially appreciated with a pleasant medicinal memory.

On swirling the glass one can appreciate aromas of red fruits such as cherry and plum intermingled with fine roasted notes and a finish of coffee with milk.

PALATE

On the attack the wine is marked by its good acidity and freshness.

The taste is characterised by juicy red fruits with good acidity, a mineral background and fine toasted notes. On the palate, liquorice is also noticeable.

The ripe tannins are in good balance with the fruit, the alcohol and the acidity giving way to a long and elegant aftertaste.



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