

Finca Villacreces,
`Nebro` Ribera del Duero 2021
Ribera del Duero, Castilla y León, Spain

Finca
VILLACRECES



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| Grape Varieties | 100% Tempranillo |
| Winemaker | Alvaro Trigueros |
| Closure | Natural Cork |
| ABV | 14% |
| Residual Sugar | 1.9g/L |
| Acidity | 6.09g/L |
| Wine pH | 3.6 |
| Bottle Sizes | 75cl |
| Notes | Vegetarian, Practising Organic, Vegan |

PRODUCER

The stunning Finca Villacreces estate is located in Quintanilla de Onesimo on the 'golden mile', in the heart of Ribera del Duero DO. The 155 hectare property is bordered by the River Duero to the north and by the vineyards of Vega Sicilia to the west. It was purchased by Lalo Antón of Izadi in 2003 to add further scope to their wine portfolio. The vineyards are now farmed organically, with canopy management and natural treatments used instead of artificial chemicals. As expected, Tempranillo is the mainstay of the vineyards, with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon also planted.

VINEYARDS

Ribera is known for its mild rainfall (only 450 millimetres per year) as well as for its marked contrasts between winter and summer temperatures (from -18°C to 45°C). This single-vineyard wine comes from a plot of 1.2 hectares, planted with some of the oldest vines in Ribera del Duero, many of which are over 80 years of age. The yields are very small (2,000 kilograms in total), meaning intense concentration of the black fruit character and ripe, compact tannins which ensure longevity, as well as very limited availability.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was a remarkable year. It began with snow throughout the winter, which continued into the spring. A dry, mild summer with lower temperatures than usual led to a slow and complete ripeness. The fruit produced showed a pure Tempranillo expression, with balanced acidity.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were hand picked and manually sorted in 15 kg boxes. Carefully selected using a sorting table, the grapes were then destemmed and whole-bunch fermented in concrete tanks. Following this, malolactic fermentation was carried out in new French oak barrels. The wine was then aged for 16 months in French oak barrels and a further 6 months in foudre before bottling with no fining.

TASTING NOTES

The wine opens with aromas of a bouquet of mocha, coffee, sweet spice, and wild blackberry. On the palate, it is packed with layers of spicy black fruits, length, and well-concealed tannins. It has a soft, toasted aftertaste.