

El Coto,
Rioja Crianza 2021
Rioja, Spain



Grape Varieties	100% Tempranillo
Winemaker	César Fernandez
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	4g/L
Acidity	3.5g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl, 75cl, 150cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

El Coto was founded in 1970 in Rioja Alavesa and has grown from modest beginnings into one of the best known Rioja producers. Today El Coto has over 730 hectares of vineyard in production across the three Rioja DOCa sub-zones of Rioja Alta, Rioja Alavesa and Rioja Oriental. They also source grapes from all three areas, but mostly from Rioja Alavesa. Head winemaker César Fernandez oversees production, starting with hand picking into 35 kilogram crates to ensure the grapes arrive at the winery in pristine condition. Modern and intelligently designed, the emphasis in the winery is on temperature control and gentle handling of the grapes.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for this wine were sourced mainly from old vine vineyards in Rioja Alavesa with some from Rioja Alta and Rioja Oriental. The vineyards are divided into small parcels planted on limestone and clay soils.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage in Rioja was officially rated 'Very Good' by the DOCa Rioja Regulatory Board. Winter and spring rains ensured excellent water reserves to sustain the vines through a notably dry summer, creating ideal conditions for optimal phenolic ripening and flavour concentration. These dry summer conditions lent themselves to wines with strong colour, structure and aromatic complexity.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation took place in the Oyón winery, using stainless steel, temperature-controlled tanks. Once fermentation was complete, malolactic fermentation occurred. The wine was then aged for a minimum of 12 months in 225L American oak barrels and a further six months in bottle before release. This extra six months in bottle isn't required by law, however, El Coto feels it enhances both the flavours and style of the wine.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is a vibrant ruby red colour with a garnet rim. Aromas of red fruits, vanilla and toast define the nose. On the palate, the wine's silky texture is tempered by concentrated, red berry fruit and notes of sweet spice from the oak, complementing a juicy and persistent finish.