

# Fariña

## GRAN COLEGIATA "Original" 2016



"Don Manuel + Gran Colegiata 1987"



100+ Year Old ungrafted vines



IT SET THE TONE OF ELEGANCE & LONGEVITY FOR THE WINES OF TORO. BY THE FAMILY THAT FOUNDED THE APPELLATION.

### HISTORY

Don Manuel Fariña was among the first to bottle Wines in Toro in the 70' and he singlemindedly fought to established the DO. He succeeded in 1987. As the first President of the Appellation he introduces quality controls to express the beauty of Tinta de Toro. His Son Manu "el Manutauro" became GM of the winery in 2019. Today they are the largest Family Run winery in Toro.

### LAND + FARMING

With over 300 hectares of dry-farmed bush vines and trelised vineyards located in different parts of Toro - Bodegas Fariña has a large canvas to choose from to express "el terruar" of the Denominacion de Origen Toro.

Grown at an altitude of 2,200 to 2,500 feet - Vines are planted in aluvial sandy soil interspersed with rounded river stones and a deep layer of clay that retains water. The climate is Continental and extreme with long winters, some snow with temperatures dipping to the low 20's and short, intense 100+ degree summers.

### THE WINE

GRAN COLEGIATA Original - is the flagship of the winery and the wine that set the tone for Don Manuel Fariña's vision of the elegance and longevity that wines of Toro can achieve. We tasted the 1987 when it was 31 years old... it was beautiful and had a bright future.

This wine is sourced from 100+ year old Tinta de Toro vines with original ungrafted roots that grow in Sandy soil. Grapes are harvested for tannin maturity and brightness of fruit, macerations are short lasting less than 1 week with fermentation in stainless steel lasting about 2 weeks. Wine is then aged in mostly used fine grain Missouri Oak for 18 months - American Oak balances well with wines of Toro. "Smooth , with blueberry, cranberry fruit a hint of orange, dried herbs, licorice and leather then layered with refined oak"

**PAIRING:** Mushrooms, lamb, small game and lentil dishes.