



Campeador

RESERVA 2015

GRAPE VARIETIES: Tempranillo 50%, Garnacha (50%).

2015 VINTAGE: The key factors that influenced this excellent year were the very good weather, ensuring excellent vegetative and sanitary conditions right up to the end of the cycle, and low yields. This resulted in medium-sized, very loose bunches with small berries. In addition, there were frequent days with sunny mornings and cool nights, which helped the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. One of the most Atlantic vintages of recent years, ideal for long ageing. Officially rated as Excellent by the DOCa Rioja.

VINEYARD: The Tempranillo grapes (50%) come from 30-year-old vines from our singular Rioja Alta vineyards near Haro, offering unbeatable conditions for the growing of this variety. The soil is nutrient-poor and covered by smooth pebbles, while its enviable climate greatly aids the grape variety's character, rich in aromas with an agreeable, elegant structure. The Garnacha grapes are from vines that are over 35 years old in the Rioja Oriental region, where they ripen perfectly, giving the wine both body and volume.

ELABORATION: We began to harvest these vineyards in mid-October. The grapes were hand-picked and taken to the winery in refrigerated vehicles. Alcoholic fermentation occurred spontaneously, with malolactic fermentation concluding at the end of the year. In February 2015, the selected wines were put into barrels for ageing – the Tempranillo for 36 months in American oak casks with an average age of four years with eight manual decanting operations and the Garnacha for 30 months with six such operations. The final coupage was bottled in March 2018.

TASTING NOTES: A deep garnet red that is bright and alive with a cherry red edge. The wine is intense in the nose, with spiced ripe fruit notes. There are aromas of black pepper, sweet liquorice, nutmeg, coffee, vanilla and cinnamon. Full of flavour, it is very expressive on the palate. This is a succulent wine with a pleasant acidity and a complex elegant yet potent finish. Campeador is a timeless wine with excellent potential for further ageing.

Total yield: 5,000 bottles.

Alcohol content: 14% **pH:** 3.6 **Acidity:** 5.5 grams per litre
Available in 75 cl
Contains sulphites



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