



VIÑEDOS SIERRA CANTABRIA

FINCA EL BOSQUE

-2014-



"An opulent wine, full with noticeable power but round"

Marcos Eguren

FINCA	El Bosque, San Vicente de la Sonsierra, La Rioja DO. Calificada Rioja
VINEYARDS	Surface: 1.4820 Has (3.66 acres). Altitude: 500m. Soils of calcareous clay; abundance of gravel and small rounded stones on surface. Year of plantation: 1973. High density plantings on trellis. Environmental integrated agriculture cultivation, applying a viticulture respectful with the environment, following the biorhythms of the plant. Organic fertilization every 2 years.
YIELD	Average yield 2014: 25Hls./Ha.
HARVEST	Exhaustive hand harvested in boxes of perfectly healthy, ripe grapes. Date of harvest: 14th October, 2014.
VARIETY	Tempranillo (100 %).
WINE	VINIFICATION: Destemmed by hand with a rigorous selection of every grape. Cold pre-fermentative maceration at 8º C. during 3 days. FERMENTATION: Fermented in French oak barrels at 28º C with autochthonous yeast selected from our own vineyards. Pissage and punch down twice a day during the first 8 days of fermentation and once a day during the last 5 days of fermentation. MACERATION: On the skins for 21 days. MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: In new French and Center-European Bordelaise oak barrels. AGING. Estimated 18 months in new French and Center-European Bordelaise oak barrels. Racking every four months.
WINEMAKER	Marcos Eguren

VINTAGE:

The vintage 2014 began with a significant drop in temperatures in the months of November, December and January. The first frosts appeared in the month of November and with them came the rain, a total of 271 liters in the winter months which ensured good water reserves for the remainder of the growing cycle.

In early April temperatures rose considerably and budding began around 10 April, after which temperatures dropped, retarding the plants' development. May followed, also with low temperatures, seeing limited vegetation growth.

In June temperatures began to rise, development increased, and flowering took place during the third week of this month, slightly later than normal.

In early July there were several storms – 40 liters-, dropping some 20 liters of water, which, along with the rise in temperatures, led to strong vegetative development.

Mid July to August comprised a period without rain, and many grey days, with cold lows, which forced to us to carry out exhaustive monitoring for oidium.

The *véraison* began during the third week of August, continued the rest of August and until mid September, with no rain and good temperatures accelerating the maturation, the vine exhibiting a strong balance and very good health.

The middle of September brought several days of rain - though still less than average for the area - slightly hastening the maturation and maintaining good health conditions.

The month of October began with moderate temperatures and occasional rains, the first symptoms of botrytis appearing. The harvest began the 10th of October, compelling to us to make a major selection in the vineyard and the winery to achieve balanced wines that were fresh, with a higher than normal level of acidity, and featured a fruity expression with balanced tannins.



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