

Tapias 2019 : a great Rioja has arrived on the Place de Bordeaux



On 3rd October Marqués de Riscal will launch a unique Rioja, its single vineyard Tapias 2019, which will be distributed via the Place de Bordeaux system.

Francisco Hurtado de Amézaga, general technical and production manager, explains, "This represents a return to their roots for Marqués de Riscal, something which seemed logical to us given the relationship the bodega has enjoyed with Bordeaux for over 160 years of history, mainly with the passing of a series of master winemakers and through the constant exchanges with consultants from Bordeaux".

In fact, Marqués de Riscal also sold their wines through the Place de Bordeaux more than a century ago. It is a true return to the roots of the distribution of the bodega's wines.

Marqués de Riscal have decided to launch this Rioja, Tapias 2019 on the Place de Bordeaux because it is a wine which evokes those which the house was making in the early days, with a certain Bordeaux influence in terms of the winemaking methods. Marqués de Riscal consider the distribution system of La Place to be the most appropriate for this wine with so much identity, as it will strengthen the recognition and international prestige of Tapias.

Hence, the Bureau des Grands Vins will join the house of Marqués de Riscal for this launch on La Place, which will call on the experience of 5 big Bordeaux wine merchants: Ulysse Cazabonne, CVBG, Borie Manoux, Crus et Domaines de France and Twins.



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Las Tapias, a singular vineyard

Tapias takes its name from one of the best Marqués de Riscal vineyard plots, Finca Las Tapias, which was planted in 1968 and presents unique terroir features with its ferrous and calcareous clay soils.

Located in the town of Elciego, these vines were planted in the traditional way with grafts of Tempranillo from an old estate vineyard, well-known for its fine quality.

This incredible parcel is surrounded by a rich and varied flora with rock rose, lavender, rosemary, sage and wild thyme. Established on old terraces through which the river Ebro flowed thousands of years ago, it reveals a singular terroir for the district. We carefully select the best grapes from this plot to produce the Tapias cuvée.

Tapias 2019 has been made for cellaring, with good backbone and a tautness in the mouth-feel and fine tannins, combining elegance and potency. On the nose there are well-defined notes of blackcurrant and cherries, with smoked and mentholated nuances coming through. A very harmonious, balanced wine with enormous fruit intensity and a spicy, flavoursome finish.



Finca Las Tapias (Marqués de Riscal)

About Marqués de Riscal

Marqués de Riscal have always been a pioneering bodega and a benchmark in the world of wine. From 1858 it became the first Rioja winery to make wines by adapting different vinification methods and with the collaboration of master winemakers from Bordeaux.

Marqués de Riscal export their wines to over 110 countries and have obtained the highest international recognition, as well as numerous awards and mentions in the specialised press.



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