



T E S O L A M O N J A

Alabaster

-2020-

“Profound balance, terroir expression, elegant, silky and authentic”

Marcos Eguen

FINCA Proprietary vineyards situated in Valmediano, La Jara and Marinacea located in Toro (Zamora)

VINEYARDS Surface: 11,5Ha. **Average Age:** more than one hundred years old.
Tinta de Toro (100%), pre-phylloxera (own rooted Vitis vinifera) and autochthonous.
Type of training: Head-trained in goblet. Soil amendments: Organic material.

YIELD **Yield per hectare 2020:** 9,8 Hl/Ha.

HARVEST Harvest: Hand picked in boxes with rigorous selection of the fruit for optimum health and maturity.
Date of Harvest: the 3^h and 4th of September 2020.

VARIETY Tinta de Toro (100%). Indigenous, perfectly adapted to the climate and soil.

WINE **VINIFICATION:** Traditional method, 100% de-stemmed. Fermented in open French oak deposits with indigenous yeast selected from our own vineyards, traditional foot press with daily pump-overs.
MACERATION: Extended maceration on skins for 19 days. Temperature controlled, 25°C.
MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: In new French oak Bordelaise barrels.
AGING: 18 months in new French oak Bordelaise Barrels.

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VINTAGE:

The annual cycle begins with abundant rains in November and December, accumulating important water reserves of up to 200 L / m².

January and February 2020 bring mild temperatures and are relatively dry. In March, there is a drop in temperatures and an increase in rainfall, reaching almost 100 L / m². Bud breaks begin in mid-March in the earliest areas and by the end of the month in the late areas. The low temperatures slow down the vegetative cycle, but even so, in general, we observe an advance in the vineyard of approximately two weeks.

April brings mild temperatures and rains below average that help the vegetative development, and the vineyards show splendor and great health. May also starts off with mild temperatures and rainfall within the average. The good sanitary condition of the vineyard persists and the growth cycle progresses with the beginning of flowering. At the end of May we observe some flowers in the vineyards and by the first week of June practically all of La Rioja has finished flowering. Casual storms lasting several days make it very difficult to control mildew attacks. We are forced to carry out greater treatments than we are used to, but always with respect and conviction to healthy and responsible viticulture. We observe an approximate loss (depending on the vineyard) of between 20 - 40% of fertilized bunches.

At the end of June, the storms disappear, which helps sanitize the plant. The mild temperatures that hardly reach 30 ° cause a slow and fruitful thickening of the bunches, observing the beginning of veraison on the 20th of July.

August appears with temperatures slightly lower than the climatic average of the last 10 years. We enjoyed dry and sunny days until the end of the month and afterwards there were several rain storms and some hail that did not affect (with very few exceptions) the bunches, but they did affect the vegetation of the vines.

September begins with great uncertainty and fear that the rains will continue since the risk of botrytis is great. Light rains the first days, but later the weather settles and we observe an almost complete ripening. We have healthy grapes, with good maturity and an increase in the size of the grain that compensates the production loss due to mildew.

The harvest begins on September 21 and takes place without rain except for the weekend of October 1, which rained around 9 L / m², having to stop the harvest for two days.

The outcome of this vintage is a healthy harvest, with good grape size and a slightly higher yield than a normal year, which will give rise to aromatic wines with good total acidity, with sugar concentration slightly lower than a normal year and wines of great balance.



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