

Rioja Tunante Tempranillo Fincas de Azabache 2022



Region

The region of La Rioja lends its name to Spain's most widely recognised wines. Rioja is split by three major districts; Alta and Alavesa to the north, which are higher in altitude and the hot dry Oriental district to the south (previously known as Rioja Baja). Tempranillo, Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuelo are the main red grape varieties used however more international varieties can also be used. The traditional aging classification system gives Rioja wines their distinctive style through the influence of extended ageing in oak barrels.

Producer

Fincas de Azabache is a state of the art cooperative, founded in December 1956. The Bodegas now owns 2600 hectares of vineyards at the foot of Mount Yerga, which is at the heart of the driest sub region of Rioja; "Oriental", previously Rioja Baja. With limited risk of rot, this is an area conducive to the principles of organic viticulture, to which the Bodegas is firmly and successfully committed. The cooperative have recently invested heavily in a new winery, the fruits of which we are now seeing.

Tasting Notes

Fincas de Azabache have made a fresher style Rioja, made exclusively from 30 year old Tempranillo grapes, that is unoaked showing off the vibrant qualities of the grape. Introducing itself with powerful aromas of wild fruits such as blackberry, raspberry and blackcurrant. This plummy, soft seductive wine exhibits typical Tempranillo character of red fruits such as cherry, raspberry and plum with notes of liquorice. An intense and outstanding wine with good structure and balance of acidity and intensity, finishing with soft and round lingering notes of black fruit.

Food

Ideal by the glass or with cured meats, lamb, pork and cheeses.

Technical Information

Country	Spain	Dry/Sweet Style	Not applicable
Region	Rioja	Alcohol Content	14%
Grape(s)	Tempranillo (100%)	Closure Style	Screw cap
Type	Red	Organic/Biodynamic	No
Style	Robust	Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Oaked Style	Unoaked	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes
Body Style	Full bodied		
Sustainable	No		



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