

## Vineyard

Location: vineyard plots at a high altitude, located in the 'Viñas de Briñas' area, between the municipalities of Briñas (Rioja Alta) and Labastida (Rioja Alavesa).

Climate: Mediterranean with quite a strong Atlantic influence. After a dry and hot summer, the long 2016 vintage benefited from a good weather and the harvest achieved a high quality. Rioja's Regulatory Council qualified this year as 'Very Good'.

Soil: Clay-limestone soils, with a degree of acidity that enhances vibrant and lively aromas in the wine.

Variety: 100% Tempranillo, of 50-yearsold average age.

## Winemaking

Harvest: By hand and in boxes, the first days of October.

Fermentation: 21 days in stainless steel tanks.

Routines: Daily pumping-over to achieve a high extraction and color intensity.

Aging: 14 months en French oak barrels plus 12 months in the bottle. Half of the barrels are brand new.

## Tasting notes

Color: Clear and bright cherry red of strong intensity.

Nose: An explosive aromatic richness, with nice flavours of red fruits, ripe plums and Mediterranean brushwood.

Palate: Structured yet fresh, with an attractive persistent end. Serious yet very drinkeable.

Aftertaste: Juicy, and long, very nice.

Alcohol: 14,5% vol.

## Food harmony

Pasta and strongly flavoured rice.

Iberian cold meats, cured cheeses.

Roasted and grilled meats: beef steak and burger, Iberian pork, sausages. Wonderful with lamb cutlets on vine shots.

Meat and game stews.

Great for aftermeal conversations.

SERVE AT 16-18 C (62-65 F)