

# VIÑEDOS EL PACTO

RIOJANDA 2021. VIÑEDO SINGULAR.

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**Exuberance, fullness and freshness, a genuine pearl in the Sonsierra Sea.**

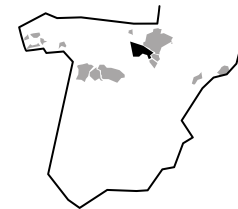
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## ORIGIN

Viñedos El Pacto is a tribute to our forefathers, with a generation dedicated to preserving the precious wine history of Alto Nájera and La Sonsierra, two Rioja regions with strong ties to our roots.

Historically, these regions have been almost entirely dedicated to vine cultivation. El Pacto means returning to that throwback viticulture, which takes care of the environment, with the minimum possible intervention, which does not seek the highest production, but allows nature to follow its vital course.

Craftsmanship is a natural stage in the development of this raw material: manual harvesting, spontaneous fermentation, and respectful aging to highlight the results of diligent labor in unique vineyards that express themselves through the wine.



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## AWARDS

**93 points**

Tim Atkin MW.  
Rioja Report 2024.  
2021 vintage.

**93 points**

Peñín Guide 2021.  
2019 vintage.

**93 points**

Tim Atkin MW.  
Rioja Report 2023.  
2020 vintage.

**95 points**

Decanter World  
Wine Awards 2023.  
2020 vintage.

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## ABOUT THE SONSIERRA

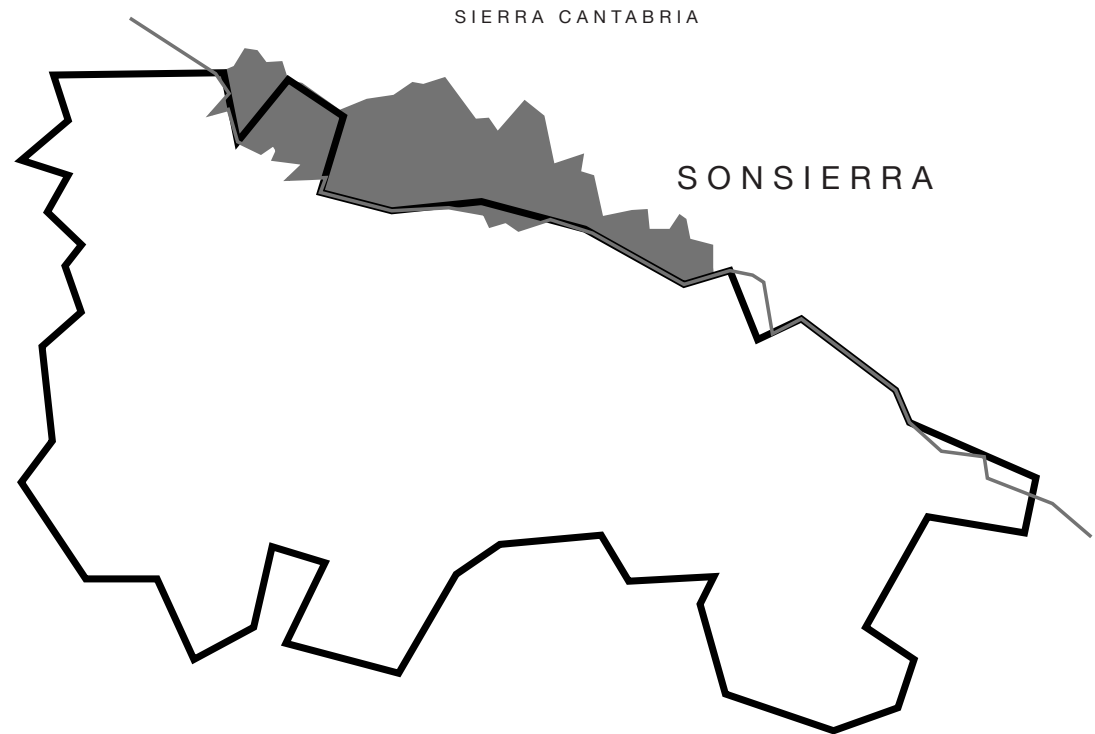
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Vines have long been grown in the Sonsierra, owing to its ideal geographical and climate conditions. Protected by the Sierra del Toloño mountain range, which acts as a barrier against the Cantabrian rains, it is a very airy area thanks to the “cierzo” or chilling wind, which ventilates the grapes and gives them freshness and an Atlantic character.

The vineyards’ southern orientation provides for mild temperatures all year, rainfall in the winter, and a favorable temperature difference between day and night, all of which contribute to optimal grape ripening year after year.

Sonsierra soils are mainly clay-calcareous, very well drained and with very low organic matter content, poor soils that induce low yields in the vineyards and increase the quality of the clusters.

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## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Varieties:** Mostly Tempranillo, although in the vineyard there are occasional Graciano, Mazuelo, white varieties and some unknown ones.

**Vineyard:** Located in Navaridas, at an altitude of 535 meters, on calcareous clay soil. The plot faces east and has a slight slope of 10%, making it excellent for receiving the day's first rays of sunlight while also being protected from the evening heat. Plot of 0.38 hectares, planted in 1920 in a 1.50m x 1.50m old planting frame, with a production of less than one kilogram per vine. Low vigor due to the limitations of its soil and with productions of less than one kilo per vine.

**Harvest:** Manual harvest on October 2.

**Winemaking:** On arrival at the winery, the grapes are destemmed without crushing and undergo spontaneous alcoholic fermentation with native yeasts in wooden vats. After fermentation, they go into new 500-liter French oak barrels, where they undergo malolactic fermentation and then subsequent aging.

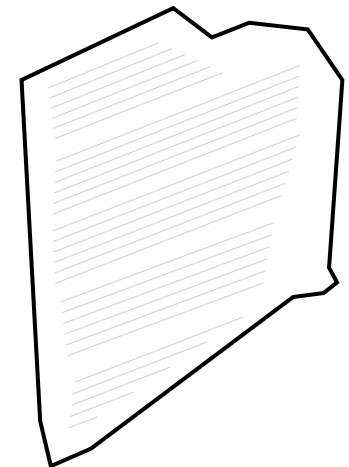
**Aging:** 14 months aging in new French 500-liter oak barrels.

**Alcohol content:** 14,5% ABV.

**2021 vintage:** With abundant rains at the end of spring and in September, the arrival of anticyclonic dry weather in the final phase of ripening led to a dreamy harvest, with an unbeatable state of health, great balance, good concentration and aromatic richness.

*1.333 bottles and 60 magnum.*

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## TASTING NOTES

**Visual:** Great depth of color, with violet hues on the rim and crystal clear.

**Nose:** The exuberance of fruit and full ripeness stand out, very clean, where black fruits combine with red fruit. Accompanied by spicy notes, where black pepper and liquorice stand out. In the background, notes of aging appear, with hints of vanilla and cocoa, along with tones of dry tobacco and fallen leaves.

**Palate:** Voluptuous and full-bodied, with a very pleasant attack. A wine with very enveloping sensations throughout its journey in the mouth. It also has a good structure, which is typical of the Tempranillo variety, but with that silky Sonsierra character, which results in very pleasant and refined tactile sensations. It is a wine where balance, smoothness and feelings of fullness prevail.