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Viñedos El Pacto is a journey back to the roots of the most authentic Rioja—a commitment to reviving village wines and traditional viticulture. This Vintae project was born in Alto Najerilla and Sonsierra, two historic regions where old vines have thrived for generations, cultivated with deep respect for nature's rhythms. Here, the vineyard comes first, with every plot preserving biodiversity and safeguarding a unique genetic heritage passed down through time, capturing the purest expression of its origin.

Riojanda is a hidden gem in the sea of vineyards of the Sonsierra — two tiny plots, planted in 1920, totalling just over a third of a hectare. Despite its small size, it is a viticultural Noah's Ark, home to a multitude of varieties and clones. The organic and biodynamic viticulture practiced here results in a very low yield, with less than one kilo per vine.

### **AWARDS**

### 95 POINTS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2023. 2020 vintage.

### 93 POINTS

Tim Atkin MW. Rioja Report 2024 and 2023. 2021 and 2020 vintages.

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Joaquín Hidalgo in Vinous. 2024. 2021 vintage.

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Guía Peñin 2021. 2019 vintage.



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1.333 bottles and 60 magnums

#### **GRAPE VARIETIES**

Mainly Tempranillo, with scattered vines of Graciano, Mazuelo, white varieties, and some unidentified types.

#### **VINEYARD**

Located in Navaridas at 535 meters altitude, planted in 1920 with 1.50 x 1.50 m spacing. The soil is calcareous clay with a slight 10% slope.

#### **HARVEST**

Manual harvest on October 2nd, 2021.

### WINEMAKING

Destemmed without crushing. Spontaneous fermentation in wooden vats. Malolactic fermentation in new 500-liter French oak barrels.

### **AGING**

14 months in new 500-liter French oak barrels.

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

3,43 15,11%

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ALCOHOL

TASTING NOTES

**Visual:** Very deep in color, with violet hues on the rim and excellent clarity.

Nose: Displays an exuberant, clean expression of fully ripe fruit, where black fruits blend with red berries. Spicy notes—especially black pepper and licorice—enhance the aromatic profile, followed by hints of vanilla and cocoa from the ageing, along with subtle undertones of dried tobacco and forest floor.

Palate: Broad and voluminous, with a smooth, inviting entry. The wine offers an enveloping mouthfeel throughout, supported by a solid structure typical of Tempranillo, yet with the velvety texture so characteristic of the Sonsierra. It delivers elegant, tactile sensations and a perfect balance between softness and depth, leaving a lasting impression of harmony and fullness.

Vintage **2021** 

With abundant spring and September rains, the arrival of dry, stable weather during the final ripening stage led to a dream vintage. The harvest was slightly shorter than the previous year, and the grapes reached the winery in perfect health, showing excellent balance, concentration, and aromatic richness.

### METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS





