# EL PACTO 2021

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.

El Pacto de la Sonsierra is a red wine made from nearly thirty organically farmed plots located primarily in Baños de Ebro, with others in Villabuena de Álava, Navaridas, and San Vicente.

# AWARDS

**91** POINTS Tim Atkin MW. Rioja Report 2025. 2021 vintage. 
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**91 POINTS** James Suckling 2023. 2020 vintage. **91** POINTS Decanter World Wine

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103.000 bottles and 2.000 magnums

#### **GRAPE VARIETIES**

Predominantly Tempranillo, with a few scattered old vines of Graciano, Mazuelo, and white varieties.

#### VINEYARD

A mosaic of almost thirty small, organically cultivated plots, mainly located in Baños de Ebro and Villabuena de Álava, Navaridas and San Vicente de la Sonsierra. The soil is generally calcareous clay with good drainage capacity.

> HARVEST Hand-harvested from September 7th to 11th.

#### WINEMAKING

Static maceration for 10 days with minimal intervention to avoid over-extraction. Spontaneous fermentation with native yeasts in 20,000 kg tanks at temperatures not exceeding 26°C. Minimal amounts of sulfites are added.

#### AGING

Aged for 14 months in 225-liter barrels: 60% French oak, 20% Eastern European oak, and 20% American oak. 60% of the barrels were second-use and 40% were new.

## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**



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## **TASTING NOTES**

Visual: Deeply colored, with high density and concentration. Attractive violet and red hues stand out, reflecting youth, freshness, and intensity.

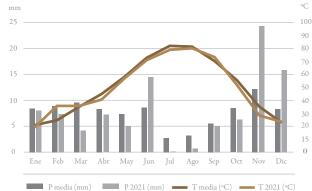
Nose: Intense and immediately expressive, with a clear and direct character. A complex aromatic profile unfolds, led by ripe forest fruits such as blackberries and blueberries, accompanied by notes of licorice, underbrush, and a spicy background with subtle hints of chocolate that add depth and elegance.

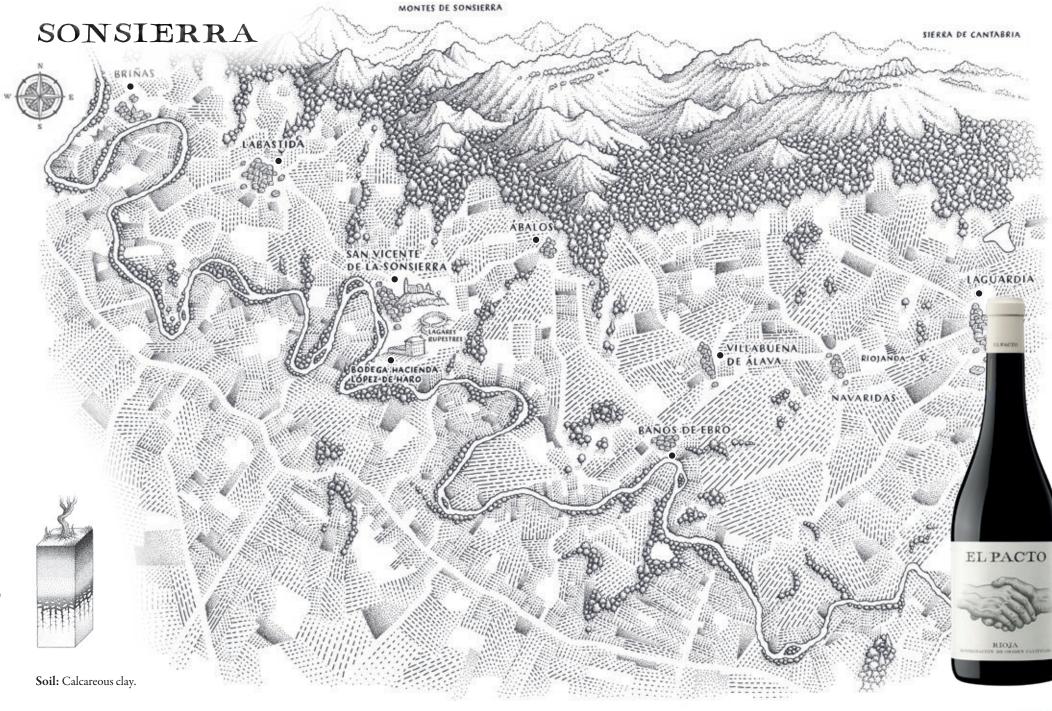
**Palate:** Full and well-balanced on the palate. Its robust structure is surprisingly fresh, offering a silky and enveloping texture. Fruit flavors return with intensity, well-integrated with oak-aged notes such as soft toasts and spices, leading to a long and harmonious finish.



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





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