

VIÑEDOS EL PACTO

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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.

Valdechuecas is a Viñedo Singular of just over one hectare, representing the freshest expression of Garnacha in Rioja. Part of its vines were planted in 1918 by the grandfather of Raúl Acha, Vintae's technical director, while one small plot dates back to 1912. With extremely low yields of only 1 kg per vine, this vineyard reflects the uniqueness and character of an exceptional terroir.

AWARDS

95 POINTS

Tim Atkin MW. Rioja Report 2022, 2023, 2024. 2019, 2020 and 2021 vintages.

93 POINTS

Guía Peñin 2021. 2019 vintage.

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Joaquín Hidalgo in Vinous. 2024. 2021 vintage.



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5,040 bottles and 120 magnums

GRAPE VARIETIES

Mainly Garnacha, with scattered old vines of Tempranillo, Graciano, Mazuelo, Viura, Malvasía, and some unidentified varieties.

VINEYARD

A 1.16-hectare plot in Cárdenas, planted in 1912 and 1918, at 595–620 meters elevation. The soil is ferrous clay with conglomerate rock on a north-facing 20% slope.

HARVEST

Manual harvest on October 14th, 2021.

WINEMAKING

Fermented in concrete tanks with 15% whole clusters. Gentle handling preserved berry integrity. Skin maceration lasted 15 days.

AGING

12 months in 2,400-liter French oak foudres (third use).

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

3,44

PHP

14,52%

ALCOHOL

TASTING NOTES

Visual: Deep red typical of Garnacha from cool climates, with high color intensity. Clean, bright, with a slight evolved rim from barrel ageing.

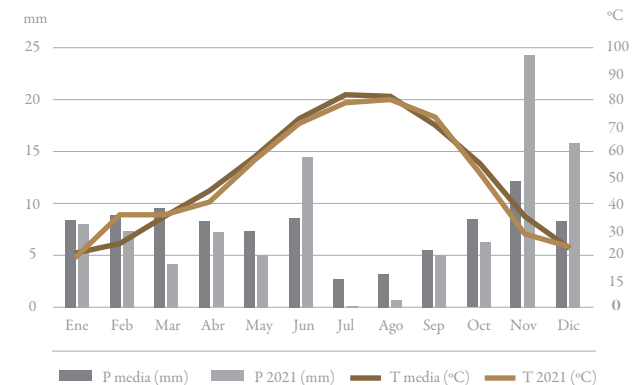
Nose: Layered and expressive, combining herbal notes from the stems and stewed red and black fruit, thanks to partial whole-cluster fermentation in concrete. Subtle spice and mineral undertones are complemented by well-integrated oak after 12 months in foudre, offering a touch of reduction that evolves into fresh fruit and balsamic hints in the glass.

Palate: Sharp and energetic, with vibrant acidity that reflects its Alto Nájera origin. Fine, persistent tannins and great depth balance the variety's natural softness. A wine with strong ageing potential, destined to develop further complexity over time.

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



VIÑEDO SINGULAR

ALTO NAJERILLA

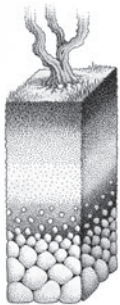
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SAN LORENZO

SIERRA DE LA DEMANDA



Soil: Ferrous clay with conglomerate rock.

