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RIOJA

Denominación de Origen Calificada

# La Cuna de la Poesía

## TEMPRANILLO RESERVA

**Origin** Denominación de Origen Calificada (D.O.C.) Rioja

**Vineyard** The well-established trellised vineyards were planted in La Rioja Alta at an altitude of 650m, where the mild Atlantic climate prevails. Our winery lies on the path of the world-famous *Camino de Santiago*, nestled in the heart of Spain's world-famous Rioja Alta wine region.

**Variety** 85% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, 5% Mazuelo

**Wine-making** Grapes were picked by machine during the first week of October and delivered to the winery immediately. Half were de-stemmed, crushed and macerated cold, in keeping with traditional techniques. Fermentation was initiated with selected yeasts and controlled at 18-22C. The free run wine was then racked and the grape mass pressed. Natural malo-lactic fermentation followed.

The remaining 50% of the grapes were de-stemmed only and fermented using a semi-carbonic, 'gannymede' maceration system, where the naturally produced carbon dioxide aided gentle and frequent pump overs. This second tank was pressed and the ensuing malolactic fermentation occurred naturally.

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**Technical Data** Alc. by Vol.: 13.5%    Total Acidity: 5.6 g/l.    Total Sugars: 4.8g/l.

**Bottle Type** Tall Bordeaux-style 450g dark green bottle with cork closure.

**Ageing** On completion of the malo-lactic fermentation, the wine was aged in 225L American oak barrels for a period of 18 months. This was followed by a period of 36 months ageing in the bottle.

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**Tasting notes & food matching** La Cuna de la Poesía is has an intense ruby-red colour, with more terracotta tones towards the rim of the glass. Lifted notes of black fruits, figs and vanilla lead to rich fruit flavours, with hints of spice and a smooth and long-lasting finish. Packed with rich Spanish flavour and refreshingly versatile with food.

**Pamela's Guide** The wine is ready to enjoy now and will be at its best over the next 2 years. Enjoy at around 18°C, or even slightly chilled on a warm summer's evening. Best served with fine food and good friends.

**Background** La Cuna de la Poesía (*The Cradle of Poetry*) takes its name from the retreat in La Rioja Alta from which local legend, Gonzalo de Berceo, the first poet to write in the Romance language, penned his verses on the local Riojan wine of the early 12<sup>th</sup> century.

*Pamela A Geddes*

Pamela Geddes, Artiga Winemaker

