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RIOJA
Denominación de Origen Calificada

La Cuna de la Poesía

TEMPRANILLO DOC RIOJA

Origin Denominación de Origen Calificada (DOC) Rioja

Vineyard The well-established trellised vineyards were planted in La Rioja Alta in 1997, 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 100% Tempranillo

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 malolactic 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.

Technical Data Alc. by Vol.: 13.0% Total Acidity: 5.6 g/l. Total Sugars: 2.2g/l.

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

Ageing Fresh from the harvest of 2015, with neither oak nor bottle ageing. Instead, the emphasis is on developing and expressing the fresh, naturally fruit-driven characteristics of the Tempranillo grapes.

Tasting notes & food matching La Cuna de la Poesía is a wonderfully exuberant young red wine with a beautifully vibrant garnet colour, born of Rioja's finest Tempranillo grapes. With lifted notes of blackcurrant, red currants, cherries and liquorice, this fresh and fruity young wine is packed with rich Spanish flavour and is 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 12th century.

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Pamela Geddes, Artiga Winemaker

