



La Pinta Crianza

Tinta de Toro

Origin Denominación de Origen (D.O.) Toro, Spain

Vineyards Our winery was founded in 1970, when we planted our autochthonous free-standing Tinta de Toro vines. Our vineyard is situated in the province of Zamora, at an altitude of 700m. Ours was one of the first wineries to form part of the *Denominación de Origen*, which was officially established in 1987.

Variety 100% Tinta de Toro

Soils The soils are comprised of sandstone sediments, clay and limestone, formed during the Miocene period, and range from silty materials to coarse and fine-grained sandstones.

Wine-making The grapes were picked by hand and the must decanted into small temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks to commence the prolonged and non-invasive alcoholic fermentation.

The wine was aged in new 225L and 300L barrels for 12 months, to add a lusciously smooth and toasty vanilla character to the fruit-driven wine. The barrels were made from 100% French oak. Some bottle ageing took place prior to release.

Technical Info Alc. by Vol.: 14.5 % Total Acidity: 6.0 g/l. Total Sugars: 1.0 g/l.

Tasting Notes The cherry-red and violet tones, coupled with lusciously fruity flavours of cherries and blackberries are testament to the quality of our rare old vine *Tinta de Toro* (*Tempranillo*), which is one of Spain's great "noble" varieties on account of its admirable quality and finesse. The ageing process brings delicious notes of vanilla, tobacco, liquorice and clove.

Food Matching Although *La Pinta Crianza* is wonderfully warming on its own, we recommend enjoying it with red meats, such as a rich game casserole, or with fine charcuterie, such as spicy chorizo and luscious *pata negra* Spanish ham.

Background In 1492, Christopher Columbus made his first transatlantic voyage aboard *La Pinta*, with barrels of rich Toro wine filling the holds. *La Pinta* was the fastest of three sailing boats used by Columbus and lends it name to our wine and provides inspiration for the sail-shaped label. The label also features the original map drawn by Christopher Columbus himself.

