

Rioja

EL PACTO
EL PACTO DE CÁRDENAS
2023

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 Cárdenas revives a traditional local wine style known as Ojo Gallo, noted for its bright, luminous red hue. Historically in Cárdenas, this low-color, fresh red was crafted with a distinctive identity by blending red and white grape varieties. With this wine, we recovered a tradition that was on the brink of extinction.

AWARDS

95 POINTS

Tim Atkin MW.
Rioja Report 2025.
2023 vintage.

93 POINTS

Guía Peñin 2025.
2023 vintage.

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James Suckling 2025.
2023 vintage.

96 POINTS

Decanter Magazine
2025.2022 vintage.



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10.200 bottles and 200 magnums

GRAPE VARIETIES

Garnacha and Viura, along with old vines of Tempranillo, Malvasía, Graciano, Mazuelo, and other unidentified varieties.

VINEYARD

Three century-old plots and one planted in 1957 in Alto Najerilla, at 600 meters elevation. The soil is ferrous clay with a base of conglomerate rock.

HARVEST

Manual harvest on September 9th, 2023.

WINEMAKING

Red and white grapes were vinified together. Maceration lasted four days in concrete vats, where fermentation also partially took place, finishing in stainless steel.

AGING

Aged for 12 months—half in a 5,000-liter oak vat and half in small concrete tanks.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

3,28

DHP

12,66 %

ALCOHOL

TASTING NOTES

Visual: Very light red color, with bright Garnacha tones reflecting youth and energy. Brilliant and luminous in the glass.

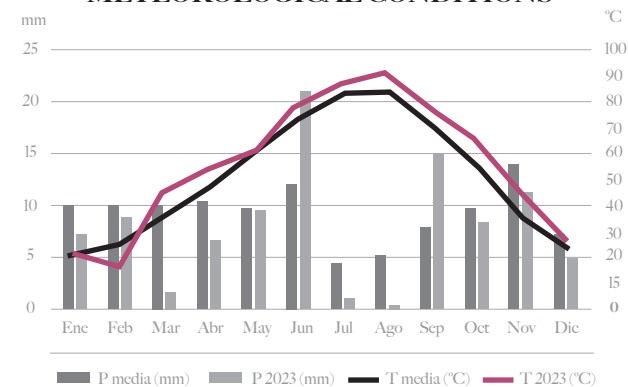
Nose: Intense aromas of red fruits, strawberry yogurt, lollipop, floral and citrus notes. Oak ageing adds creamy and enveloping nuances.

Palate: Fluid and easy-drinking, with well-integrated acidity enhancing its freshness. Glyceric, silky texture brings unusual elegance for a red wine, echoing the softness of a white. Delicate yet complex, with a harmonious blend of fruit, spice, and oak nuances. Long and refined finish.

VINTAGE 2022

A generally dry year, though highly variable, with alternating periods of drought and heat mixed with cycles of rainfall and cooler temperatures. September rains arrived at just the right time to support ripening and achieve healthy, well-balanced grapes.

METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS



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