

VIÑEDOS EL PACTO

EL PACTO OJOGALLO 2022

A wine that revives the most authentic local tradition, a red with a white soul.

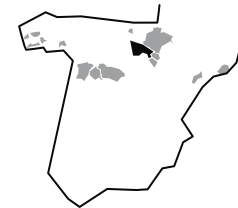
ORIGIN

Viñedos El Pacto is a tribute to our forefathers, with a generation dedicated to preserving the precious wine history of Alto Nájera and La Sonsierra, two Rioja regions with strong ties to our roots.

Historically, these regions have been almost entirely dedicated to vine cultivation. El Pacto means returning to that throwback viticulture, which takes care of the environment, with the minimum possible intervention, which does not seek the highest production, but allows nature to follow its vital course.

Craftsmanship is a natural stage in the development of this raw material: manual harvesting, spontaneous fermentation, and respectful aging to highlight the results of diligent labor in unique vineyards that express themselves through the wine.

This effort to resurrect ancestral traditions resulted in the creation of “Ojo Gallo,” a wine renowned in the Alto Nájera region during the coldest decades of the 20th century and named for its color. Just as in other areas the Ojo Gallo is an intense claret, in Cárdenas it has always been a red with little color. We are proud to have saved this virtually extinct wine in order to preserve these enological and, why not, ethnological gems of our culture.



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AWARDS

95 points

Tim Atkin MW.
Rioja Report 2024.
2022 vintage.

94 points

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2021 vintage.



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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varieties: Garnacha Tinta and Viura, although there are also loose strains of Tempranillo, Malvasía, Graciano, Mazuelo and some unknown varieties. In all the plots, white and red varieties coexist, with reds being the majority.

Vineyard: Four plots, three of them centenary and a fourth planted in 1957 (Los Cabos), in the heart of Alto Najerilla, at 600 meters above sea level. The soils are ferrous clay with a high component of conglomerate rock at the bottom.

Winemaking: It was harvested in the second half of September and vinified as a estate wine, a blend of red and white varieties. Maceration took place over four days in a concrete tank, where it also partially fermented, although it finished its fermentation in a stainless steel tank.

Aging: 12 months of aging. Half of the wine is aged in a 5,000-liter oak vat and the other half in a small concrete tank.

Alcohol content: 13% Vol.

TASTING NOTES

Visual: A red with very little depth of color, hence its name. It shows great vivacity and preserves its red tones intact, so typical of the Garnacha variety, which denotes energy and youth. It has a great shine which, together with the great intensity of the red tones, gives the glass superb luminosity.

Nose: Intensely aromatic, it retains its primary aromas, despite being an aged wine. The influence of Garnacha stands out fundamentally with notes of red fruits, strawberry yogurt and light touches of lollipop. Certain fresh tones are also perceived, with balsamic, floral and citrus notes, more typical of white varieties. And in the background, creamier and more enveloping nuances appear, the result of its aging in oak vats. A crystal-clear wine that denotes freshness and a great fruity character.

Palate: It is a “long drink” wine, with great fluidity throughout its entire journey in the mouth. It is accompanied by a notable acidity, yet this acidity is well incorporated into the smooth sensations and delicate texture that it offers. It forgoes the structure of red wines to reveal its entire delicateness, with a pleasant, smooth touch, mirroring a white wine. Its aftertaste is highly complex, intertwining the sensations of fruit with spicy nuances and enveloping notes provided by oak-vat aging. Pure elegance within a harmony of varieties.

2022 VINTAGE

A vintage marked by drought and high temperatures, which led to a healthy grape of excellent quality thanks to the total absence of diseases. The harvest was early and somewhat shorter than in previous vintages, and it maintained its freshness in the highlands where our vineyards are located.