



Marqués
de Cáceres
EXCELLENS
SPECIAL CUVÉE
2017

D.O. Ca. Rioja

VINEYARDS AND YIELDS

A selection of vineyards that are from 20 to 35 years-old. Vineyards selected exclusively in and around Cenicero (Rioja Alta), from both higher and cooler parcels (600m) as well those located on lower grounds (400m). As a result, the Tempranillo grape offers a wide variety of characteristics, in keeping with our area's diverse geography. (5.000 Kgs – 35 hls/ha)

VINTAGE 2017

2017 was slightly warm, with temperatures around 1,5° and 2°C higher than the historic average. Nevertheless what really characterised the vintage was the early morning frost of 28th April that affected many of the budding vineyards, decreasing the quantity of the harvest. This set-back, together with a more than average rainfall, caused an extraordinarily low harvest but of exceptional quality.

SOIL:

Mainly clay and limestone and some parcels with more iron-rich subsoils. These range from vineyards planted on gentle hillsides to those 'drooping' at the town's highest altitudes.

HARVESTING:

100% manual, parcel by parcel. This takes place as the grapes reach maturity, which means having to return to some of the vineyards several times depending on the orientation of the vines or if these are planted at different altitudes.

VINIFICATION:

The grapes are de-stemmed and crushed. Alcoholic fermentation and long skin-contact maceration for 25 days in stainless-steel tanks at controlled temperatures of 25-28°C. Malolactic fermentation in stainless-steel tanks.

TOTAL TIME IN BARREL:

14 months in medium-toasted French oak barrels that add mild complexity and delicious tannins.

AGING IN BOTTLE:

12 months minimum before release.

TASTING NOTES:

Excellens Cuvée has a bouquet of ripe fruit and refined oak secured by its meticulous ageing process. On the palate it transmits body and balance. Its array of flavours and tannins blend together harmoniously resulting in a smooth and elegant structure.

ANALYSIS:

Serve at 16°-17° C (61°-63°F)
Alcohol Content 14.5% Volume

GRAPE VARIETIES: 100% Tempranillo

Winemaker: Fernando Costa, Emilio Gonzalez & Manuel Iribarnegaray

Green Practices: Practicing Sustainable.



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