

MATSU

EL VIEJO 2021

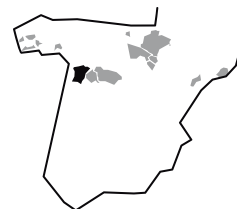
The extreme complexity that only centenary vineyards contribute.

ORIGIN

Toro was one of the great discoveries on our trips in the search for vineyards. In 2005 we found ourselves among the largest number of centenary and pre-phylloxera vineyards we had ever seen, with sandy soils perfect for the vine and an ideal continental climate to prevent the onset of diseases. All these conditions have led to the maintenance of ancestral viticulture, based on respect for natural rhythms.

But, without a doubt, the most unique thing we found in Toro were its wine growers, men and women with an emotional attachment to the land, to which they have dedicated effort, wisdom, respect and sacrifice for generations. That is why they are the face of the wines of Bodega Matsu, a Japanese word that means “wait” and conveys the philosophy of this project. Wait for nature to take its course, for the vineyards to turn 100, wait for the perfect moment to open a bottle of wine.

With El Pícaro, El Recio and El Viejo our aim was to elaborate wines that retain the traditional power of the Toro vineyards, but combine it with the freshness and elegance that characterizes all our wines.



D.O.Toro



AWARDS

91 points
Peñín Guide 2021.
2018 vintage.

93 points
Wine Enthusiast
Magazine. December
2018. 2015 vintage.

92 points
Peñín Guide 2020.
2016 vintage.

94 points
Robert Parker ratings
2013. 2010 vintage.

92 points
Wine Enthusiast
Magazine. August
2017. 2014 vintage.



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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varieties: 100% Tinta de Toro.

Vineyard: Selection of the best grapes, that come from very old vineyards of extremely limited production, more than 100 years old and cultivated naturally. Sandy soils with high granitic stony component.

Harvest: Manual harvest between September 24 and October 11, using boxes and small trailers.

Winemaking: Maceration during 2 weeks. Spontaneous fermentation in 15,000 kg concrete tanks with native yeast. The malolactic fermentation takes place in these same tanks. Soft filtering and non-aggressive clarify to preserve its natural characteristics.

Aging: 14 months in new French oak barrels.

Alcohol Content: 15% Vol.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Deep cherry red color, intense depth, with violet notes on the edge.

Nose: Complexity taken to the extreme, with medium intensity but enormously rich in nuances. Denotes an elegant compendium of aromas of ripe black fruits, accompanied by creamier and sweeter nuances of the barrel, and some spicy final notes.

Palate: Very pleasant, its smooth fullness and voluptuousness are noteworthy on the palate. It is also very complex in the mouth, denoting excellent ripening and low yielding grapes from old vineyards.

2021 VINTAGE

After a wet winter, the vines had water throughout the cycle, so the alcoholic and phenolic maturation was very balanced. 2021 was a cool year, with a slightly later harvest than the previous ones, the alcohol level was slightly lower than usual. We will find a lot of balance and freshness in the wines, being an ideal vintage for long aging.
