

FUNDADA EN 1879



Grapes

85% Tempranillo

10% Graciano

5% Mazuelo

Region/Appellation

Rioja

Alcohol by volume

14.00%

Residual Sugar

less than 2 g/l

pH

3.57

Total Acidity

6.05 g/l

Drinking Window

2024 - 2028

Tasting Guide



Light Medium Full

Tasting note printed

25/04/2024

Imperial Reserva 2018 6x75cl

Winemaker Notes

The wine is deep garnet in colour with bluish hints at the rim. On the nose interesting aromas of wild berries and liquorice merge beautifully with notes of toffee, tobacco and undergrowth from barrel ageing. The palate reveals a wine characterised by its elegance, depth of flavour and fine, velvety tannins. The finish is long and complex.

Vineyard

The grapes come from our best and oldest vineyards around Villalba, Briones & Torremontalbo, which are over 40 years old. Rigorous work in the vineyard followed Hand harvesting into 20kg boxes with exhaustive selection in the field ensured the collection of great quality grapes.

Winemaking

Before starting the alcoholic fermentation, the bunches were cooled down and kept at a low temperature for some hours. The fermentation took place in French oak vats. After its second fermentation, the wine was then aged in both American and French oak casks for two years, followed by another two years in bottle prior to release into market.

Vintage

This vintage year takes us back to La Rioja of old days, with heavy frosts throughout winter, snow and abundant precipitation. Spring was also cold and wet followed by a warm summer but without excessive temperatures and resulting in good ripening of the grapes. These conditions provided a long, slow ripening period which enabled the production of great, intense wines, with medium colour and alcohol levels and good acidity. The 2018 harvest of Imperial began at CVNE on October 8th and finished on October 26th with a good forecast.

Food match

Grilled and Roasted Red Meats

A classic match to Roast Lamb



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