

# 2010

Vintage Report



As can be seen from the depth and obvious ripeness of the wines, and in line with many other regions of Europe, 2010 is considered to be an excellent vintage in Rioja. The wines have a freshness and generosity of fruit in comparison to the obviously plump 2009 vintage.

The winter was cool and relatively wet, and this weather continued well into the spring, particularly on those vineyards at higher elevations. This had a slightly adverse effect on the flowering which resulted in slightly reduced volumes, about 10% down on the average. The early part of the summer continued in the cooler vein until a much warmer period from the second half of August allowed the vines to really flourish. By the time the harvest had started in the warmer Rioja Baja region on 1st September, the fruit was at optimum ripeness and in perfect health. The cooler summer resulted in ideal acidity levels across all varieties with the harvest extending to the end of October.

So the general outcome is one of generous but fresh wines that could compare with fine vintages of the past such as 2005 and even 1964.



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