

# 2021

Vintage Report



Rioja: specially on our vineyards, 2021 has been a very irregular cycle, with a very dry summer in which the plant started suffering, but September rains were decisive for a very positive evolution. In the high and airy areas, as well as in the low and medium production vineyards, our grapes remarkably improved with the help of these rains. A perfect weather during the month of October with sunny days followed by very cold nights, led to a slow ripening. Healthy grapes, very balanced and generally with good acidity, have allowed us to produce great wines with good aging potential.

- Rioja Alta vineyards: the harvest of the white grapes started on September 21 and ended on October 19. For the red grapes, we started on September 16, ending the harvest on October 21. The grapes for the production of Imperial were selected and collected in pallets from September 24 to October 21.
- Rioja Alavesa vineyards - Viña Real: the harvest started on September 21 with white and red grapes from the lower areas of Rioja Alavesa (Laserna, Oyón) and ended on October 16 with the highest areas (El villar de Álava - Labastida), a week later than in 2020.
- Contino vineyards: after a hot summer with little rainfall, we will obtain wines with greater structure and concentration than in other years, with a high acidity and alcohol content. The harvest started on September 15 with white grapes and the earliest red ones, ended on October 15 with Garnacha.

Ribera del Duero: the frost at the beginning of the year and the hail in May have brought a lower yield, with a later ripening. At the beginning of September it rained enough for the vineyard to recover, helping to accelerate the cycle since the veraison was delayed. We will have wines with a higher alcohol content than in 2020, more balanced and with good evolution over time. The harvest started on October 1 with Tempranillo and ended on October 25 with Cabernet.

Valdeorras: the harvest took place in Val de Galir the first week of September and in Val do Bibei the last week of September. Lower production than in 2020. The sanitary level was excellent, which will allow us to have wines with excellent aging capacity.

Penedés (Cava): it has been a fairly dry year, with rains far below the annual average. This has led to a much lower production, although in general it has been a very healthy and balanced vintage. Lower volume than in other years, but we will have wines with great aging potential. The harvest started on August 9 with Chardonnay, on August 19 with Macabeo, on September 6 with Xarel-lo and on September 20 with Parellada



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