



Sierra Cantabria

## SIERRA CANTABRIA GARNACHA

-2015-



*"The Atlantic expression of the Sonsierra in a warm grape growing area. Complex and elegant, a fruity wine, fresh, expressive and balanced"*

*Marcos Eguen*

VINYARDS	<b>Proprietary vineyards planted in 1927, situated in San Vicente de la Sonsierra. DO. Calificada Rioja.</b>
VINEYARDS	Environmental integrated agriculture cultivation, applying a viticulture respectful with the environment, following the biorhythms of the plant. Organic fertilization.
YIELD	<b>Average yield:</b> 29,5 Hls. /Ha.
HARVEST	Hand harvested bunches selected in the vineyard and in the winery by means of a sorting table. <b>Date of Harvest:</b> October 11 <sup>th</sup> 2015
VARIETY	100% Grenache. Long vegetative cycle, with an Atlantic influence from the area of La Sonsierra. Those vintages with good ripeness, are complex, elegant portraying wines which are fruity, fresh, expressive and well balanced.
WINE	VINIFICATION: Traditional elaboration, fermented with indigenous yeast selected from our own vineyards . MACERATION: Maceration of 18 days with reduced frequency of pump-overs to avoid the extraction of bitter characters. MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: In barrel, 15% new French Oak and 85% one use barrel. AGING: 14 months en 225l. Bordelaise Barrels.
WINEMAKER	Marcos Eguen



### VINTAGE:

The weather in 2015 began with a sunny winter and heavy snowfall, above average, but with temperatures normal for the area. In mid-March there was a slight rise in temperatures, producing some development in the buds, leading to sprouting between late March and early April. On April 5 a period of mild temperatures and light, sporadic rainfall began, yielding rapid sprouting and strong vegetative growth. April was a dry month. May began with a significant increase in temperatures, reaching from 30° C - 33° C between the 10th and the 14th. The lack of rain triggered very rapid vegetative growth. In mid-May temperatures dropped, causing the plants to slowly grow and develop. May was an extremely dry month, with the first flowers appearing around the 28th/29th. June began with the first flowers in the earliest areas, and temperatures rose to 23° C, maxing out at 26° C. In the second week of June, with flowering already having taken place, rain fell, with storms dumping up to 80 liters / m2. On June 13 there was a hailstorm, mainly in the area of El Bosque (medium/severe), and Vizcarral (more moderate), also affecting the high portion of Concova, and Trasugueras, with about 60l / m2. June ended with high temperatures, ranging up to 40 degrees. It proved to be a very hot month, but at night the temperatures dropped to 14°C - 16° C, with the exception of certain dates, from 17 to 20 June, when the nights were warmer and the temperatures did not drop below 20° C / 22 C. On July 21st there were a series of storms, with 17 liters falling in San Vicente de la Sonsierra and 22 liters in Párganos. August begins very hot and dry up to August 12th, date on which some storms took place falling 12 liters. Veraison begins rapidly during the first week of August, causing ripening in mid- month. Follow the month with high temperatures, cool mornings, August 30th and 31st several storms took place falling 38 liters. September starts cloudy, with mild temperatures and absence of rain, accelerate ripening and being substantially complete in mid September with an advance of nearly 3 weeks to a month compared to a normal year. Harvesting took place the last week of September having very healthy grapes with a graduation slightly higher than previous years, good balance and acidity and good phenolic maturity.

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