



Sierra Cantabria

SIERRA CANTABRIA GRAN RESERVA

-2008-



*“Character, identity and expression of Rioja Sonsierra.
Elegant aroma, tasty red fruit on the palate with silky tannins and ripe”*

Marcos Eguren

VINEYARDS	Proprietary vineyards located in San Vicente de la Sonsierra DO. Calificada Rioja.
VINEYARDS	Environmental integrated agriculture cultivation, applying a viticulture respectful with the environment, following the biorhythms of the plant.
YIELD	Average yield: 35Hls. /Ha.
HARVEST	Hand harvested bunches selected in the vineyard and in the winery by means of a sorting table. Date of Harvest: From 19 th to 24 th October 2008
VARIETY	98% Tempranillo and 2% Graciano from vineyards older than 30 years.
WINE	VINIFICATION: Traditional, 100% de-stemmed. Fermentation controlled between 28 and 32° C with indigenous yeast selected from our own vineyards. Extended maceration on the skins for 8 days, with two pump-overs daily in the beginning. During the maceration, the pump-overs are reduced so as to avoid the extraction of the bitter and vegetative characteristics. AGING. Barrel: 26 months in American oak Bordelaise barrels. Age of the barrels: 25 % new oak, 75 % maximum of 3 wines. Racked regularly every 4 months during the first year and every 6 during the second.
WINEMAKER	Marcos Eguren



VINTAGE:

The vegetative cycle begins with a very dry period, rainy days are practically inexistent during all winter months, alternating days with mild temperatures with others with severe frosts and temperatures down to -6.5 ° C. It is not until the arrival of March when, slightly in the first half, and more in the second, the rain comes, even as snow, providing with a supply of water greater than all the previous months. Spring arrives and with it there is an increase in temperatures in late April reaching around 20 ° C. May began with temperatures hovering around 23 ° C, but from the 2nd week rainfall is registered almost every day that caused a delay in the vegetative cycle, being the month of May with more rainfall recorded in the last 50 years (160 l/m2). It was not until the 2nd half of June when temperatures rise and approach the maximum values around 25-30 ° C, rainfall disappeared and summer climate is predominant. July and August are characterized by temperatures of 30 ° C, and only 40 liters of rain in two months so that the grapes arrived at veraison in perfect condition. In September the temperatures begin to drop hovering around 23 ° C, rainy days hardly happen so the grapes arrive at the date of harvest with excellent health. The harvest begins the last week of October with low temperatures and dry and sunny weather, ending on November 2, when a storm starts with cold and rainy weather.

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