



## VIÑEDOS SIERRA CANTABRIA

### SIERRA CANTABRIA RESERVA ÚNICA

-2014-



*"A red wine with a strong primary character, very aromatic, perceptible tannin but ripe with good acidity and structure, character and expressive. Pure character!"*

*Marcos Eguen*

VINEYARDS	<b>Proprietary vineyards located in San Vicente de la Sonsierra</b> DO. Calificada Rioja. Limited Edition of 128 barrels, 38.600 bottles.
VINEYARDS	Environmental integrated agriculture cultivation, applying a viticulture respectful with the environment, following the biorhythms of the plant.
YIELD	<b>Average yield:</b> 28 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> 16 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> of October 2014.
VARIETY	Tempranillo (97%) and Graciano (3%) from vineyards older than 30 years.
WINE	VINIFICATION: Traditional, 100% de-stemmed. Fermentation controlled between 28 and 30°C with autochthonous yeast selected from our own vineyards. Maceration on the skins for 18 days. MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: In barrel. AGING. Barrel: 24 months in Bordelaise barrels of French oak (60%) and American oak (40%). Age of the barrels: 15 % new oak. Racked regularly every 4 months. Bottling: February 2017. Selection of 28.950 litres to bottle 38.600 bottles.
WINEMAKER	Marcos Eguen



#### VINTAGE:

The vintage 2014 began with a significant drop in temperatures in the months of November, December and January. The first frosts appeared in the month of November and with them came the rain, a total of 271 liters in the winter months which ensured good water reserves for the remainder of the growing cycle.

In early April temperatures rose considerably and budding began around 10 April, after which temperatures dropped, retarding the plants' development. May followed, also with low temperatures, seeing limited vegetation growth.

In June temperatures began to rise, development increased, and flowering took place during the third week of this month, slightly later than normal.

In early July there were several storms – 40 liters-, dropping some 20 liters of water, which, along with the rise in temperatures, led to strong vegetative development.

Mid July to August comprised a period without rain, and many grey days, with cold lows, which forced to us to carry out exhaustive monitoring for oidium.

The *véraison* began during the third week of August, continued the rest of August and until mid September, with no rain and good temperatures accelerating the maturation, the vine exhibiting a strong balance and very good health.

The middle of September brought several days of rain - though still less than average for the area - slightly hastening the maturation and maintaining good health conditions.

The month of October began with moderate temperatures and occasional rains, the first symptoms of botrytis appearin. The harvest began the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, compelling to us to make a major selection in the vineyard and the winery to achieve balanced wines that were fresh, with a higher than normal level of acidity, and featured a fruity expression with balanced tannins.

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