

Contino Garnacha 2019

Viñedos del Contino was born in 1973, establishing the "château" concept in the Rioja region.

Its wines are made exclusively from the vines planted on its 62 hectares. The estate's vineyards embrace its ancestral home within a meander in the River Ebro, located in Laserna, near the village of Laguardia in the Rioja Alavesa winemaking region.



- **Type of wine:** Red
- **Region of production:** Rioja
- **Year:** 2019
- **Contino vintage rating:** Excellent
- **Grape varieties:** 100% Garnacha
- **Bottle type:** Burgundy
- **Production and bottle size:** 9,333 bot.75cl.
- **Bottling date:** June 2021
- **Aging and barrel type:** 17 months in oak barrels

Analytical data

- **Alcoholic volume:** 14%
- **Total acidity:** 6.56
- **pH:** 3.25
- **Volatile acidity:** 0.65
- **SO₂ Free/Total:** 32/102
- **Total Polyphenols Index:** 48

The vineyard

The grapes for Contino Garnacha come from the old plots of Pajera, which has calcareous soils and was planted in 1980; Central, planted in 1950 on alluvial and sandy soils; and Lentisco, which is stony and was planted in 1940.

Winemaking

The Garnacha was hand harvested on the 28th September, with selection of the grapes taking place both in the field and on a sorting table once in the winery. The grapes were placed into a French oak vat to allow a pre-fermentation cold soak and until fermentation began spontaneously. Once finished, it remains in storage until the end of April. The wine was subsequently raked to a 2,000 liter Stockinger fudre and in second-use barrels of 400 to 500 liters, where it remains for 17 months. Time that is completed with one more month of stay in a concrete tank.

Vintage / Harvest description

2019 has been a year marked by low rainfall, slightly below average. At the end of May there was rainfall that hindered fruit set in some varieties that were in full bloom. This, together with the plant's water stress, produced loose clusters and small berries. Temperatures throughout the growing season reflected the fact that the winter was not very cold, but the summer was characterized by heat waves. Harvest began on September 11 with the earliest white varieties and ended on October 7th with red varieties. This season was characterized by very favorable weather throughout the harvest. It is expected to be a great vintage in terms of quality.

Tasting notes

Contino Garnacha is an aromatic and very fruity wine with delicate notes of low woodland, balsamic herbs and white pepper typical of the variety. The palate is deep, mineral tannins and very well integrated, which make it an elegant wine, while captivating and somewhat saline. With excellent acidity, silky.

