

# Contino Rosado 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:** Rosé
- **Region of production:** Rioja
- **Year:** 2019
- **Contino vintage rating:** Excellent
- **Grape varieties:** 66% Graciano, 34% Garnacha
- **Type of bottle:** Burgundy
- **Production and bottle size:** 2,667 bot. 75cl.
- **Bottling date:** April 2021
- **Aging and barrel type:** 19 months in oak barrels

## Analytical data

- **Alcoholic volume:** 13.5%
- **Total acidity:** 7.23
- **pH:** 3.09
- **Volatile acidity:** 0.55
- **SO<sub>2</sub> Free/Total:** 20/91
- **Suitable for vegans**

## The vineyard

Contino Rosado is made with Graciano grapes from our San Gregorio plot, a unique vineyard which produces grapes with great structure and acidity, excellent for this wine.

The Garnacha grapes come from old vines in the plot Viña La Encina, providing freshness and fruity aromas.

## Winemaking

Manual harvest of our Graciano and Garnacha grapes. Fermentation takes place in oak vats; Graciano macerates for 12 hours while Garnacha macerates for 16 hours. Bleeding is done in oak barrels of 500 litres, followed by fermentation with controlled temperatures of 16–18°C during 20 days. Subsequently, the wine is blended prior to aging. The aging takes place in oak barrels, 19 months.

## Vintage / Harvest description

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

## Tasting notes

Intense color of bright pink raspberry. Elegant aromas of red fruits, complemented by floral notes giving the wine finesse and freshness. A pleasantly balanced rosé, with an extraordinary roundness on the palate. Medium-bodied and persistent, with a refreshing and long finish.