



# EXCELLENS CUVÉE ESPECIAL

2016

D.O. Ca. RIOJA

*Red Crianza of exceptional  
character*



## VINEYARDS-YIELDS

Vines selected exclusively in the area of Cenicero (Rioja Alta), from both high and cool plots (600m) as well as lower areas close to the village. Therefore the Tempranillo grape offers a wide range of characteristics in keeping with the diverse geography of the area. Exclusively from Cenicero.

## 2016 VINTAGE

Abundant rainfall, especially before budding, gave rise to a good start in the phenological cycle assuring sufficient water reserve. Dry and harsh summer. In September, when the vines were fully ripe, a general rise in temperatures and hours of sunshine, ensured complete and balanced ripening, leading to musts rich in sugars and good polyphenolic structure. Vineyards of generous yields reaching optimum maturation.

## SOIL

Soils determined by the complex orography of the area, from vines in highlands near the riverbed to pronounced poor slopes of tertiary origin.

## HARVEST

100% manual, parcel by parcel. Harvested once the grapes reach maturity which often means returning to some of vineyards more than once, in those areas of different altitudes or exposure.

## FERMENTATION

Gently de-stemmed bunches. Alcoholic fermentation and long skin contact maceration in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature. A small percentage of malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks and the rest in new barrels.

## TOTAL TIME IN BARREL

14 months in new medium-toasted barrels, made of French and American oak, providing a mild complexity and tasty tannins.

## AGEING IN BOTTLE

Minimum of 12 months before the launch date.

## TASTING NOTES

A Crianza that stands out with distinctive characteristics. Bouquet of ripe fruits, noble and fine woods that protect its careful ageing. This cuvée conveys body and elegance. The intensity of its character integrates with the tannins, blending into a charming and very elegant texture.

Serve at 16-17°C.

Alcohol content: 14% vol.

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VARIETIES  
100% Tempranillo

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