



HONORABLE 2017

VINEYARDS: Old vines located in different villages on the slopes of the Sierra Cantabria, from Lanciego to Labastida, which offers a summary of the different environments found along the Sonsierra. Mostly Tempranillo, but also some Garnacha and Graciano that added freshness.

HARVEST: Grapes were handpicked in 15 kg crates and then hand sorted at the winery.

WINEMAKING: The grapes from the distinct plots from the different towns are destemmed but not crushed before fermentation in separate tanks. Pumping over and maceration allow for the gentle extraction of tannin. Aging in French oak barrels and 20% American for approximately 18 months.

SOIL: All the vineyards grow in whitish, calcareous clay soil which is very basic and poor with slabs of calcareous rock deep underground.

CLIMATIC YEAR: The 2017 vintage will go down in history as "the year of the frost". After a dry and mild winter, budding occurred notably early in the season. Then, on April 28th, the eve of San Prudencio, temperatures dropped below zero in the majority of our vineyards. This event played a definitive role in our approach to the vineyard throughout the vegetative cycle. Due to low-yield production and the summer drought, all work in the vineyard focused on avoiding the loss of freshness in the different varieties. This was earliest vintage in Rioja's recorded history, and the final result has been exceptional: very fragrant and balanced wines, thanks to the fresh nature of our vineyards' locations, among other factors. Nevertheless, it was a curtailed vintage, with average yields lower than usual.

ANALYTICAL: Alcohol: 15% | Ph: 3.65 | Residual sugar: 1.7 g/l

Nº OF BOTTLES: 19.000 (75 cl.), 40 Double Magnum (3L) and 20 Jeroboam (5L).

