

CONDE DE SAN CRISTÓBAL

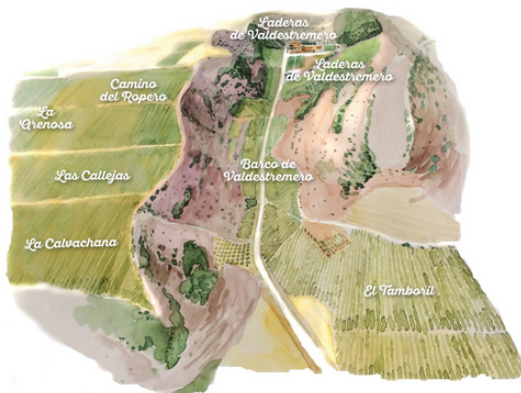
RESERVA ESPECIAL 2018

"Noble Wines of Ribera del Duero"

Grape Variety	Tinta Fina
Date of Harvest	12th October 2018
Aging	18 months in new French oak barrels
Bottling date	June 2020
Vineyard name	"Las Callejas"
Area	5 hectares
Average vineyard age	35 years
Classification	Reserva
Soils	Thorough selection of grapes from the highest area of Pago de Valdestremero, in "El Páramo" (900 m). This soil is characterized by having a clay-calcareous profile.
Production	12.976 (750 ml) & 300 Magnums
Winemaker	Jorge Peique
Wine Consultant	Xavier Ausás

CSC RESERVA ESPECIAL 2018 ANALYSIS

ABV	14,5 %
pH	3,70
Acidity	4,80 gr/l.



2018 HARVEST

The 2018 vintage was characterized by the abundance of rainfall during the autumn, winter and spring and lower average temperatures than the previous year. This resulted in delayed budding but assisted in the recovery of the vines affected by the severe frosts of 2017.

The summer was exceptionally dry, which removed the threat of fungal disease while slightly increasing the water stress on the plants, which nevertheless stood up well thanks to the water reserves in the subsoil created over the preceding months.

Ripening was somewhat uneven and gradual, which made manual vineyard work more important than ever over the summer. Green pruning, de-leafing and trimming and the removal of bunches were key to ensuring a healthy, good quality harvest.

WINEMAKING

The grape is selected in the vineyard and handpicked in 12 kilo boxes. After passing through the selection table, the bunches are destemmed at low revolutions prior to falling into the tanks through gravity.

Fermentation takes place in French oak vats at a controlled temperature of between 20°C and 24°C over 9 - 12 days. After this process, malolactic fermentation takes place directly in new French oak barrels.

OUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Intense cherry color with a garnet rim. Conde de San Cristóbal Reserva Especial is a single plot wine with a concentrated, deep and complex aroma, based on fresh fruit and mineral notes. On the palate, it is fresh and powerful, tasty, fatty, expressive and with a round and long mid-palate. A very fine balanced wine that reflects the nobility of the terroir of our vineyard.