

# MARQUÉS DE VARGAS

## GRAN RESERVA 2015

*"Noble Wines of Rioja"*

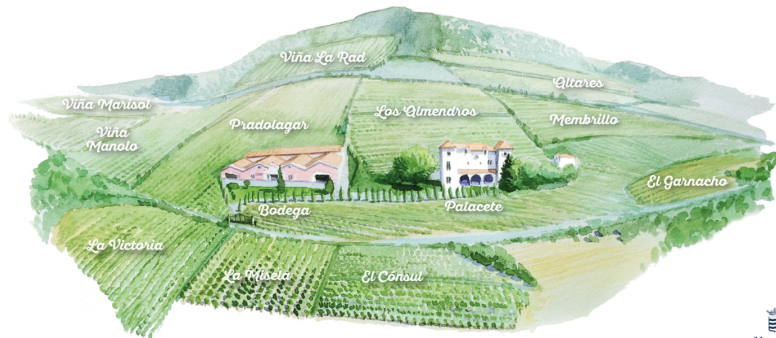
**Grape Variety** 80% Tempranillo, 10% Garnacha and 10% Mazuelo  
**Date of Harvest** From 13th until 30th of September 2015  
**Aging** 24 months (16 months in French oak followed by 8 months in American oak)  
**Bottling date** April 2018

**Vineyard name** "Pradologar" Estate  
**Area** 50 hectares  
**Average vineyard age** 40 years  
**Classification** Gran Reserva  
**Soils** Gravel with limestone elements throughout. Stratified molasse soil. Colluvial molasse soil with few rounded edges, formed of fine material.

**Production** 26,956 bottles  
**Winemaker** Ana Barrón  
**WIne Consultant** Xavier Ausás

### 2015 GRAN RESERVA ANALYSIS

**ABV** 14 %  
**pH** 3,65  
**Acidity** 5.3 gr/l



### 2016 HARVEST

After a growing cycle with very favorable weather, the vineyard showed excellent canopy development and health condition.

The month of September, with optimal weather and temperatures, had a positive influence on the fruit maturation, showing intense fruit presence, balanced acidity and elegant tannins.

### WINEMAKING

Manual harvesting in 12 kg boxes, according to the maturity and variety of each plot. The grape bunches went into refrigeration chambers within minutes of being picked. They were kept overnight at a controlled temperature of between 6-8° C before being hand selected the following day on the harvest table.

Production in tanks was adapted according to each type of soil. Indigenous yeast was used from the various plots. For the ageing process, different types of oak were employed depending on the individual fruit and softness of the tannins in the final coupage or blend of grapes.

### OUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS

*Concentrated aromas of black fruit are perfectly intertwined with varied spicy nuances, resulting from its long aging in French and American oak, and in the background, subtle balsamic notes add freshness and balance. Robust body, with highly polished tannins and a long finish. Elegant, powerful and with great aging capacity.*