

Campellares 2007



Winery: Bodegas San Pedro Apostol

Region: Rioja D.O.Ca.

Grapes: 100% Tempranillo

Winery: The winery is based in the town of Huercanos, Rioja Alta and was established in 1962.

D.O. Wine was likely grown here by the Romans with the first modern boom in production happening in the 1860's as merchants from Bordeaux arrived after outbreaks of vine diseases in France. Along with trade to France, the merchants also brought the idea of aging wine in small oak barrels giving rise to traditionally styled, oxidized wines. Rioja was the first region in Spain to gain status as a D.O. in 1925. Recently, in the 1960s and 70's, style shifted to wines with a combination of ripe fruit and unctuous oak followed more recently by a trend to produce intense, concentrated "modern" wines with less time in the bottle but plenty of

new oak. In 1991 the region was elevated to a D.O. Calificada, one of only two regions to gain that status, which recognizes the quality and consistency of products from the region.

Wine: This wine is sourced from vines averaging 40 years of age from vineyards surrounding the town. Traditional production methods are used; de-stemming and lightly crushing the fruit, followed by 3-5 days of pre-fermentation maceration. Fermented in stainless steel tanks at moderate rather than high temperatures looking for more finesse in the tannin structure of the finished wine. After pressing malolactic fermentation takes place in stainless steel as well, followed by aging in tanks for a few months prior to bottling.

Reviews:

“Bright red. Intensely perfumed bouquet offers red and dark berries, potpourri and baking spices. Sweet red berry flavors display good juicy intensity, with no obvious tannins. A smooth, sweet wine with solid appeal and good finishing clarity.”

88 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 139 July/Aug '08

“This is an uncomplicated, easy drinking 100% Tempranillo that offers pleasant plum and black fruit aromas on the nose and ripe fruit flavors on the palate. Well put together with round tannins on the finish. Best to drink with tapas.”

87 points *i-winereview.com* August '08



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