Cyclo 2009

Winery: Bodegas Finca Torremilanos
Region: Ribera del Duero D.O.
Grapes: 90% Tempranillo (Tinto Fino), 10% Blanca del Pais (Albillo Mayor)

Winery: This winery is family owned and has been producing red wines on the estate since 1903. The vineyards are located on the second slope above and nearly 2 km. south of the Duero river. Soils are deep and composed of limestone, sand and clay in roughly equal proportions along with gravels from the old river bed that are composed of silex and quartz. In some vineyard plots the gravels dominate, for example the Roble Viejo vineyard is predominantly gravel and the youngest vines are 85 years old. The land has been known for its quality and has been planted with vines for more than 100 years. The estate, Finca Torremilanos, is comprised of 200 hectares of vineyards. 60 hectares are head-trained, en vaso, with the remainder trained to wires. The slopes are predominantly north facing and one can see for 60 kilometers from the heights of the vineyards. 100% of the plots are farmed organically and the winery is seeking organic certification.

Wine: Fruit for this wine is sourced from 3 vineyards in this vintage: Roble Viejo, La Galinda and Las Senoritas. Ricardo’s oldest vineyard, las Senoritas produced a very small crop due to recovering from hail damage the previous year. Harvest started at the beginning of October and lasted until early November. White grapes are pressed and the white must is added to red grapes followed by a 4-5 day pre-fermentation cold soak. Total maceration is 8-10 days and depends on the quality of the skins. The wine is pressed in a small manual basket press. 50% of the wine sees malo in the cement tanks and the other 50% in new barrels. 20% of the wine remains in cement for the total aging time, the remainder spends 24 months in oak barrels. Following oak aging the wine is blended and allowed to integrate in cement tank prior to bottling.

Reviews:
“It has a very natural nose with good delineation, blossoming with blackberry leaf, cold stone, a touch of heather and graphite. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins, plenty of black berries, a hint of raspberry and subtle tobacco and graphite notes to the almost Bordeaux-like finish. This is excellent. Drink now-2020.”

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“Bright purple. Black and blue fruits on the pungent, floral-accented nose. Stains the palate with intense blackberry and mulberry flavors that are lifted by zesty acidity. The long, formidably precise finish features notes of bitter chocolate and star anise and shows very fine, harmonious tannins.”

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