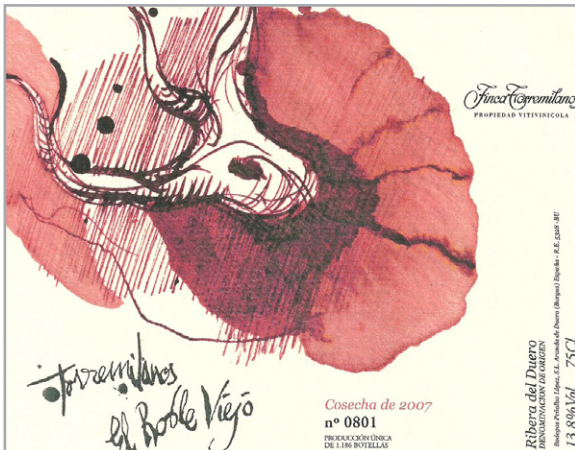


Torremilanos El Roble Viejo 2007



Winery: Bodegas Finca Torremilanos

Region: Ribera del Duero D.O.

Grapes: 90% Tinto Fino, 5% Garnacha, 5% White Tempranillo

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 at an altitude of 800-900 meters. 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: All fruit comes from the 90 year old Roble Viejo vineyard on the Finca Torremilanos estate. The different grape varietals were picked at the same time and saw alcoholic fermentation in small cement tanks. Tannin extraction was controlled solely through punch-downs. 60% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in tank and the other 40% in new French oak barrels. The 60% with ML in tanks stays in cement tanks for entire aging process. The 40% with ML in barrel saw a further 14 months aging in new French oak. After 14 months the two lots are blended back together and aged for a further 11 months in cement tanks prior to bottling. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered on December 11 2009.

Reviews:

“It emits a nearly ethereal aromatic array of sandalwood, scorched earth, truffle, lavender, blackberry, and licorice. Full-bodied, savory, rich, and complex, this elegantly styled wine will evolve for another 3-4 years and drink well through 2027 if not longer.”

94 points *Wine Advocate* issue 188 April 2010

“If you are looking for a serious gift wine or a holiday splurge for yourself, your ship has just come in. This remarkable rendition of Tempranillo has it all: Complex, expressive aromas; outstanding density and depth of flavor; admirable balance between fruit and tannin and acidity and oak, and a finish that just won't quit. Yet what is most unusual is that its sensory trajectory runs against the typical pattern by which prodigious wines start out tight and hard and loosen with air. In this case, the wine is marvelously open and soft right out of the starting gate, and surprisingly shows more structure and definition over time after opening. It never quite turns tight or hard, but it shows its seriousness only after showing its charms—which are phenomenal. This is the best bottle of wine I tasted from Spain in 2011, and that's out of a pool of about more than 700, including some that were notably more expensive than this one.”

95 points *Wine Review Online* December 13, 2011 - Michael Franz



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