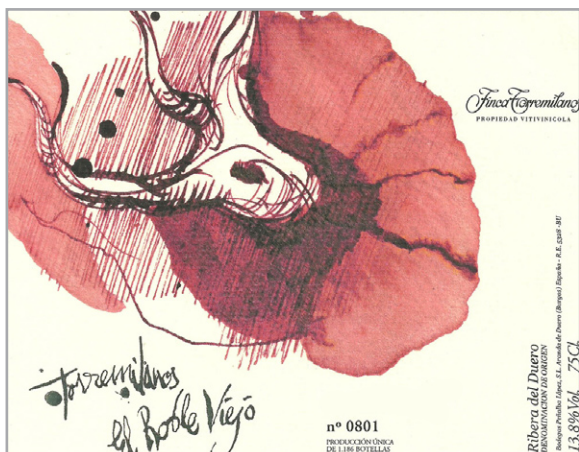


Torremilanos El Roble Viejo 2008



Winery: Bodegas Finca Torremilanos

Region: Ribera del Duero D.O.

Grapes: 90% Tinto Fino, 5% Garnacha, 5% 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 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 majority of the vineyards are Tinto Fino with a few small plantings of Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Petit Verdot. 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. The wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Reviews:

“Bright ruby. Suave, spicy aromas of raspberry, cherry-vanilla and smoky minerals, with a touch of mocha adding complexity. Silky in texture, with sweet red berry preserve flavors framed by fine-grained tannins. Gains weight with air and finishes with deeper dark fruit character and lingering spiciness. Open-knit and alluring right now.”

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