

Montecastrillo Roble 2008



Winery: Finca Torremilanos

Region: Ribera del Duero D.O.

Grapes: 90% Tempranillo, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

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: This wine is a blend of 90% Tempranillo and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon from vines aged between 10 and 20 years. Fruit is sourced from 30 different plots on the estate all of which are farmed organically (not certified). The grapes were macerated with the must for 9 days during fermentation in temperature controlled tanks. 80% of the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in stainless steel while the other 20% underwent malo in oak barrel. Following fermentation the wines were aged in oak barrels for 7 months prior to bottling without filtration.

Reviews:

“it sports an enticing nose of cedar, spice box, espresso, and black cherry. Savory, ripe, and firm on the palate, this is a tasty effort for drinking over the next 4 years.”

87 points *Wine Advocate* issue 188 April 2010

“Fresh and lively, this supple red features cherry, herbal and licorice notes, as well as floral and mineral accents. Nicely balanced, with just enough tannins for grip.”

87 points *Wine Spectator* June 30, 2010

“Bright violet. Aromas of cherry, dried flowers and tobacco, with some spice notes emerging with air. Then juicy, dry and aromatic in the mouth, with good intensity to its bitter cherry and floral flavors. Finishes with solid tannic spine and lingering bitterness.”

88 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 152 Sept/Oct 2010



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