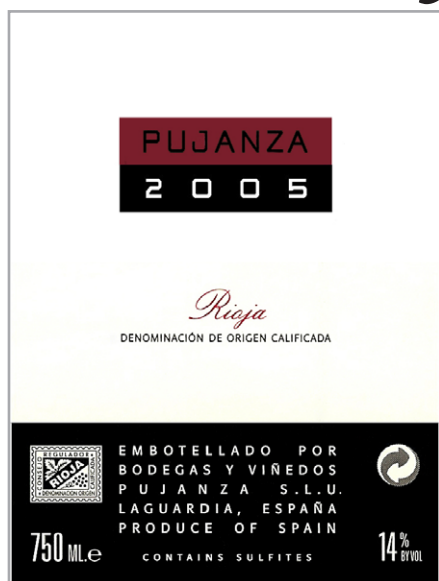


Pujanza 2005



Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Pujanza

Region: Rioja D.O.Ca.

Grapes: 100% Tempranillo

Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Pujanza was established in 1998 by Carlos San Pedro, a fifth generation grape grower and third generation winemaker. In 2001, the winery introduced its first wine, Pujanza. Carlos San Pedro considers himself to be a vine-grower, conscious of the fact that his work has an aim which is the creation of great wines. This idea was the starting point for a young winery that wants to reflect this vitality in its wines.

The winery is in La Guardia, Rioja Alavesa, a village well known for its wines. All of the wines are produced from single vineyards. Pujanza is made from fruit grown in the Valdepoleo vineyard; 15 hectares planted to Tempranillo and Graciano at 630 meters elevation in shallow clay-lime soil. The vines are 40 years old and yield ~5000kg/hectare.

Carlos' philosophy is to transmit to his wines all the character and personality of the soil/terroir. This philosophy hinges on careful tending of the vineyards from pruning to harvest as well as the unique characteristic of a higher iron content in the soils of the vineyards.

Wine: Produced from fruit grown in the 40 year old, 15 hectare Valdepoleo vineyard at 630 meters altitude. Fermented in small stainless steel tanks with daily pump overs at temperatures between 29 and 32 degrees C. Grapes skins see post-fermentation maceration for an additional 7-10 days. Following malolactic fermentation the wine is aged for 16 months in French oak. After bottling the wine is aged for a few more months prior to release.

Reviews:

“Intense cherry color. Fresh fruit aromas, varietal, elegant, expressive with character, mineral, dry stones, toasted, creamy oak, fine cocoa. In the mouth powerful, varietal, fruity, tasty, toasted, ripe fruit, retronasal torrefaction (browning/toasting/roasting aromas).”

91 points *Guia Penin* issue 2008

“Energetic red berry and mineral aromas are complicated by blood orange and baking spices. Taut strawberry and raspberry flavors display impressive purity, with tangy minerality adding vivacity. A restrained, elegant style of Rioja, with very good finishing clarity and sneaky length. This reminded me of a serious but understated Burgundy.”

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