

# Pujanza 2006



**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° 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:

“Vivid ruby. Impressively nuanced aromas of raspberry, candied cherry, rose and flowers, plus a whiff of smoky minerals. Sappy, fat and rich, with energetic red berry flavors and good spicy lift. Finishes with excellent clarity and juicy persistence. This is delicious right now.”

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