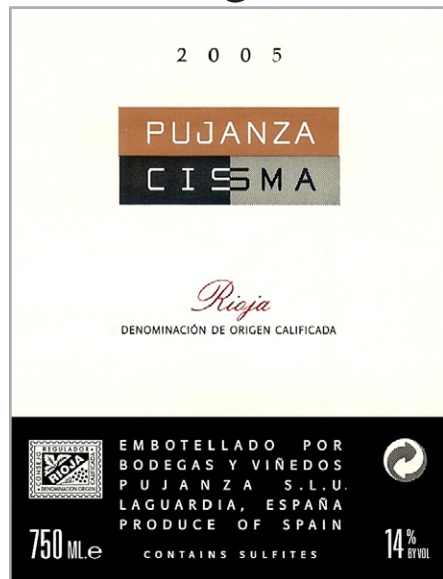


Pujanza Cisma 2005



Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Pujanza

Region: Rioja D.O.Ca.

Grapes: 100% Tempranillo (80+ year old vines)

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.

Cisma is produced from the “La Valcavada” vineyard; 0.7 hectare of own rooted, 100+ year old, 100% Tempranillo. Yields average 1500kg/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: The vineyard is all own-rooted and the old vines yield small clusters of fruit with very small berries, thus insuring a high degree of aromatic and polyphenolic intensity in the must. Yield is ~13 hectoliters/hectare. Alcoholic fermentation was undertaken in 1700 liter French oak vat and followed by post-fermentation maceration of the skins. Malolactic fermentation took place in new French oak barrels followed by 18 months aging in 100% new French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered.

Reviews:

“Even more expressive than the Norte, it exhibits notes of wood smoke, mineral, saddle leather, truffle, espresso, black raspberry, and blackberry. This leads to a dense, formidably packed, muscular wine with gobs of fruit and plentiful tannin. The flavors are pleasing but this is a wine that will require patience. Give it 12-15 years to unfold and drink this behemoth through 2050. If it evolves as I think it will, in 10-15 years my score will be seen as conservative.”

95+ points *Wine Advocate* issue 175 February ‘08

“Voluptuous and focused, this rich red shows ripe blackberry and boysenberry flavors, with layers of cocoa, tobacco, licorice and mineral that unfold to a lingering floral finish. Great depth and balance, in the modern style.”

95 points *Wine Spectator* September ‘08



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