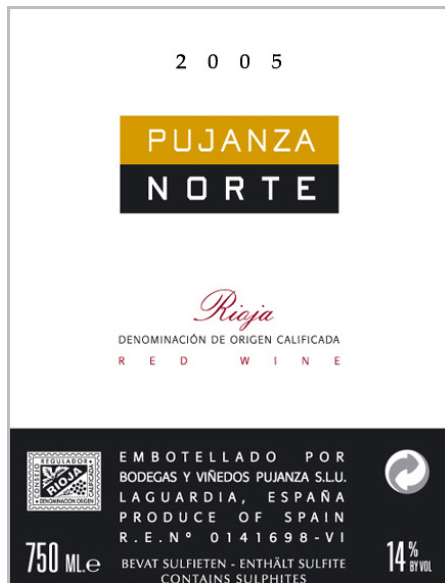


# Pujanza Norte 2005



**Winery:** Bodegas y Vinedos Pujanza

**Region:** Rioja D.O.Ca.

**Grapes:** 60% Tempranillo and 40% Others

**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.

**Wine:** Produced from fruit grown in the 20+ year old, 2.2 hectare El Norte vineyard which was planted by Carlos San Pedro, winemaker as a teenager. At 680 meters altitude, this is one of the

highest vineyards in Rioja Alavesa, with more stones in the clay/lime soil than lower elevation vineyards, yielding 25 hectoliters/hectare. 5 day pre-fermentation cold soak followed by alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in large French oak vat. Skins are macerated with the wine post-fermentation for 14 days prior to pressing. The wine is then aged for 14 months in 100% new Allier and Troncais French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered.

## Reviews:

“Cherry color, very intense. Powerful aroma, expressive, varietal, elegant, ripe fruit, toasted, fine cocoa, cedar wood. In the mouth elegant, powerful, fleshy, fruity, varietal, tasty, toasted, retronasal fruity, creamy, with dry but ripe tannins.”

**94 points** *Guia Penin* issue 2008

“Incredibly perfumed nose offers an exotic, room-filling bouquet of black raspberry, candied cherry, Asian spices, gingerbread and licorice. Pliant, juicy dark berry flavors are liqueur-like in depth and power but at the same time energetic, with tangy mineral lift and back-end snap. Picks up exotic black cardamom and cinnamon on the impressively pure and focused finish. This is extremely seductive.”

**93 points** *International Wine Cellar* issue 139 July/Aug '08

“The 2005 Pujanza Norte is deep purple in color with an expressive bouquet of smoke, espresso, earth notes, mineral, incense, and black fruits. On the palate it effortlessly combines power and elegance. Concentrated, layered, and lengthy, it will benefit from another 6-8 years of cellaring and offer a drinking window extending from 2016 to 2030.”

**94 points** *Wine Advocate* issue 189 June 2010



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