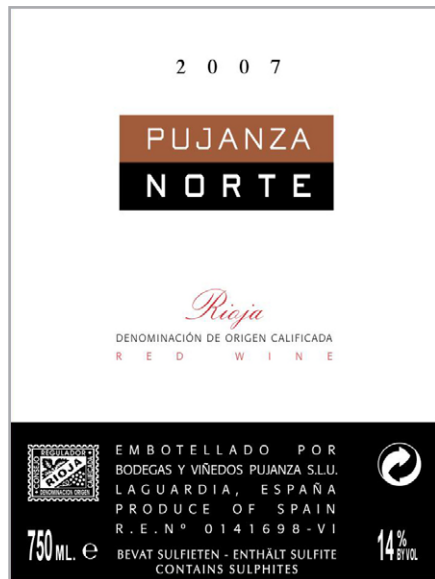


Pujanza Norte 2007



Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Pujanza

Region: Rioja D.O.Ca.

Grapes: 60% Tempranillo and 40% Garnacha, Graciano, and Mazuelo

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.

Norte is produced from the El Norte vineyard, 2.2 hectares planted with 60% Tempranillo and 40% other grapes varieties in clay and

limestone at 680 meters elevation. The vines are 20+ years old and yield ~3500kg/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: Destemmed grapes see a 5 day pre-fermentation cold soak followed by alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in large French oak vat. Skins are macerated for a total of 30 days prior to pressing. The wine is then aged for 18 months in 100% new Allier and Tronçais French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered.

Reviews:

“Deep crimson-colored, it has a more complex perfume than the Pujanza cuvee. Aromas of sandalwood, graphite, espresso, Asian spices, lavender, and wild black fruits lead to a round, voluminous, concentrated palate with layers of flavor, incipient complexity, and enough fine-grained tannin to evolve for 3-5 years. Drink this lengthy offering from 2014 to 2027.”

94 points *Wine Advocate* issue 188 April 2010

“Heady dark berry aromas are complicated by intense floral, oak spice and spice accents and complemented by a deeper suggestion of vanilla. Plush mulberry and boysenberry flavors are deep, fleshy and sweet, with lively acidity giving the wine energy and clarity. Brighter red berry tones come up on the finish, where the floral and spice notes repeat.”

92 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 158 Sept/Oct 2011



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