

Acentor Maturana Tinta 2020 (Red Wine)



Isaac Fernandez Seleccion is a unique collaborative venture between two individuals – Isaac Fernandez one of Spain’s most acclaimed winemakers and Aurelio Cabestrero whose vision and commitment helped bring Spanish wines to the forefront in the United States. Maturana Tinta is a variety with small compact clusters and small berries. A high concentration of phenolic compounds, especially anthocyanins, produces wines with deep, high intensity garnet color, high acidity and medium to alcohol levels. The 2020 is our first release of this limited wine.

Appellation	Rioja D.O.Ca.
Grapes	100% Maturana Tinta
Altitude / Soil	500-600 m. / Limestone - ferrous soil, with high sand components
Farming Methods	Sustainable methods, including Integrated Pest Management
Harvest	Hand harvested into small bins
Production	Fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aging for 1 year in used French oak. Further aging in bottle before release
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8437012498716 / 28437012498710 / 12

Reviews:

“My love of wine is well more than half about love of exploration and discovery, and as I write this at the end of July in 2023, this is the discovery of the year... It is a marvel that combines a bright, energetic freshness with savory undertones that are really perfect counterpoints, as this is either a light and refreshing red or a much more serious wine that’s coiled for years of development. ...It reminds me first of tart blackberries — which I love — but also riper Bing cherries, and it is interesting that the fruit notes are for me black-toned but still so bright, as though there was a fruit like cranberries in it also, though the flavors just don’t ring that bell of red-fruit recollection. There’s almost no cellar work intruding on the fruit’s ability to show its stuff, though maceration, fermentation and barrel aging surely accentuated the savory undertones that provide the interplay and complexity that make this a savory wine of intricacy rather than a mere curiosity. ... Finally, everyone who reads this review should not only remember the rare and recently revived variety “Maturana,” but also the name of Isaac Fernández, who is one of Spain’s most important winemakers, though you might not know that on account of his modesty. Wow — what a find.”

93 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz Aug 1, 2023

“2020 Acentor Maturana- This indigenous varietal is essentially not grown anywhere but Rioja. The 2020 Maturana is nicely salty and stony on the palate, with black raspberry, Earl Grey tea and shades of wet stone accents. Beautifully done with its soft mouthfeel, enjoy now and over the next eight years to come. Drink 2023-2031-”

92 points OwenBargreen.com; Owen Bargreen - October, 2023

“Maturana Tinta is a grape variety indigenous to Rioja, but it was almost lost when it fell out of fashion and has been brought back by conservationists believing it still has a role to play in the region. I have never tasted a bottling of Rioja made with this grape in the blend, let alone one made entirely from the varietal, but I was quite impressed. It is lower octane than the other two Acentor Rioja bottlings, coming in at 13.5 percent alcohol and offering up a decidedly black fruity bouquet of dark berries, cassis, espresso, a nice touch of meatiness, cigar smoke, chalky soil tones, fresh herb tones and a touch of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with fine soil signature, a good core of fruit, ripe, buried tannins and a long, complex and very nicely balanced finish. This is quite uniquely styled for Rioja and a superb bottle in the making. Like all the other Acentor Rioja bottlings, this is under twenty dollars per bottle and an absolute steal! 2028-2065.”

91+ points View from the Cellar; John Gilman -Issue #103 January/February 2023.

