

Finca la Mata 2022 (Red Wine)



Isaac Fernández Selección is a unique collaborative venture between two individuals – Isaac Fernández, one of Spain’s most acclaimed winemakers and Aurelio Cabestre-ro whose vision and commitment to Spanish wines has helped bring them forefront in the United States. Both partners have a long history in Ribera del Duero; Isaac has made wines from Ribera fruit for over 20 years and Aurelio has relatives with a winery within the DO. They started their project in Ribera del Duero in 2010 producing two wines. Finca la Mata, named for the single old vine vineyard where the fruit is grown, offers more richness, depth and complexity and can be drunk upon release or with up to 5+ years of bottle age.

Appellation	Ribera del Duero D.O..
Grapes	100% Tinta del Pais (Tempranillo), from 60-year-old bush vines
Altitude / Soil	900 meters / sandy clay with abundant gravel
Farming Methods	Traditional methods
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes; bunches hand sorted at the winery again prior to processing
Production	Destemmed & lightly crushed prior to fermentation with native microbes, 2 weeks of skin maceration
Aging	Aged for 10 months in a combination of 80% French and 20% American
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8-437005-780361 / 8-437005-780385 / 12

Reviews:

“Isaac Fernández’s Finca La Mata Tinto is made from old vine tempranillo, with the vines ranging from sixty to fully eighty-five years of age. The vineyard is high elevation at nine hundred meters above sea level and farmed organically and the wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts. The 2022 Finca La Mata comes in at 14.5 percent alcohol and delivers a deep, ripe and classy nose of black cherries, plums, cigar wrapper, raw cocoa, dark soil tones and smoky oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and shows off excellent mid-palate depth of fruit, with firm, ripe tannins, lovely balance and grip and a long, complex and very promising young finish. This is going to be an excellent wine once it has had some time in the cellar to soften up its tannins and is an outstanding value from a region where there are not all that many value-priced wines to be found these days! 2034-2065+”

92 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman; Issue 109, January – February 2024

“Fresh and balanced, with dark and focused blackberry paste and crème de cassis flavors accented by fragrant notes of melted licorice, chopped marjoram, graphite and loamy earth. Fine, chalky tannins define the finish. Drink now through 2029. 1,800 cases made, 1,300 cases imported.”

90 points Wine Spectator; Alison Napjus – Issue July 31, 2024.

