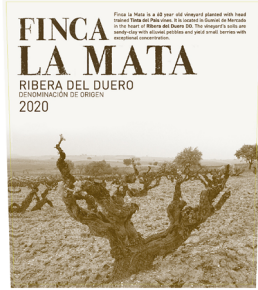


# Finca la Mata 2020 (Red Wine)



Isaac Fernández Selección is a unique collaborative venture between two individuals – Isaac Fernández, one of Spain’s most acclaimed winemakers and Aurelio Cabestrero 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.

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

## Reviews:

“Deep violet to the eye, this wine has a nose of blackberry and anise. It is soft on the palate, with feathery tannins and flavors of blackberry pie, cas-sis, licorice, clove and violet that coalesce in a dark berry finish.” **91 points Wine Enthusiast**; Mike DeSimone - Issue May 2023

“I know this wine from all recent vintage releases, and it always seriously over-performs in complexity and seriousness in relation to its selling price. The 2020 release is on track to keep the winning streak going, though it is presently in a somewhat inexpressive (not “closed”) condition, probably due to a combination of its sheer youthfulness and jostling from trans-Atlantic shipping. Even accounting for that, it nevertheless shows good concentration from old-vine sourcing (60-85-year-old vines) and aging for 10 months in a combination of 90% French and 10% American oak. This isn’t yet as open and showy as the 2019 was at an even earlier stage, but the track record of this wine—and winemaker—are so strong that this is a good buy already and a good bet to improve.”

**90 points Wine Review Online**; Michael Franz – April 26, 2022

“Finca La Mata is an old vine cuvée, with the tempranillo used here ranging from sixty to eighty-five years of age and grown at nine hundred meters. It is fermented with indigenous yeasts and raised entirely in used barrels for ten months prior to bottling. The 2020 Finca La Mata delivers a quite refined bouquet of cherries, plums, roses, lovely spice tones, a fine base of soil, cigar smoke and a deft framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and nicely red fruity in personality, with a good core, fine-grained tannins and a long, complex and well-balanced finish. Though this wine too comes in listed at 14.5 percent octane, it is cooler on the backend and seems fresher than the Rios De Tinta in this vintage. Good juice. 2025-2040.” **89 points View from the Cellar**; John Gilman - Issue #98 March-April 2022

