

Solarce Rosado 2021 (Rosé Wine)



Solarce are the entry level wines from the Casa la Rad estate in Rioja D.O.Ca. The large, family-owned estate is located in the northern foothills of the Valle de Ocón, and encompasses 2,000 acres; mostly native oak forest, with 272 acres of vineyards, and 37 acres of olive groves.

They seek a balance between their activity and the local environment so as to sustain or improve its vitality and biodiversity. Winemaker's note: "We try to do a true translation of our vineyard's speech in terms of wine with the grapes it gives us, thus Solarce Rosado combines all the grape varieties we grow in our vineyards of Cogotillos, Presas and Manantíos."

Appellation	Rioja D.O.Ca.
Grapes	25% each Tempranillo, Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuelo
Altitude / Soil	550-625 meters / sandy loam soils
Farming Methods	Organic methods (not certified)
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Direct press, no malolactic fermentation
Aging	Aged for a few months on fine lees prior to bottling
UPC / SCC / Pack	8-436002-580202 / 28436002580206 / 12

Reviews:

"The 2021 Solarce Rosado is composed of a blend of thirty percent Tempranillo, twenty percent each of Mazuelo, Garnacha and Graciano and ten percent of Viura. It is a very pale salmon color and offers up a pretty and quite complex bouquet of strawberries, white cherries, orange peel, spring flowers, discreet spice tones and a nice base of soil. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied, focused and nicely balanced, with excellent mid-palate depth, bright acids and a long, nascently complex finish. This is tasty out of the blocks, but it has the structure to age nicely and I would be more inclined to give it a few years in the cellar to allow its secondary layering to emerge. Good juice. 2022-2030+."

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