

Contino Graciano 2017

Since 1994, Contino has made a pioneering effort to rescue the Graciano variety from oblivion in the Rioja region. Contino Graciano is a 100% monovarietal wine; with an intense, vivid color, deeply aromatic, imbued with the spirit of a wine of northern Spain, Atlantic in character, fresh and complex.



- Type of wine: Red
- Region of production: Rioja
- Year: 2017
- Contino vintage rating: Excellent
- Grape varieties: 100% Graciano
- Type of bottle: Bordeaux
- Bottle size: 75 cl.
- Bottling date: July 2019

Analytical data

- Alcoholic volume: 13.5%
- Volatile acidity: 0.61
- Total acidity: 6.37
- SO₂ Free/Total: 31/88
- pH: 3.31
- Total Polyphenols Index: 55,87
- Suitable for vegans

Winemaking

8th September the grapes are manually harvested in our plot San Gregorio Grande, 3.7 Ha, planted in 1979 and 1989 (two areas) in which we make a first selection in the field in order to guarantee an optimum maturation. Alcoholic fermentation took place in 100 hectoliters french oak vats at controlled temperature. After a maceration post-fermentative. 22th September, malolactic fermentation took place in new french oak barrels. During the ageing process, it remained in new barrels, french (72%) and american (28%) oak. After 16 months, 29th January it is racked in to concret tanks in order to reduce the time in barrel.

Vintage / Harvest description

2017 was a difficult year in Rioja, marked by a hard frost on the night of 27th April. Fortunately the San Rafael vineyards were not affected by it and in fact, we consider that the quality of the wines made from this year's harvest is exceptional. 2017 was a cool year and with 7% lower rainfall than in 2016. Budbreak began on the 15th March, flowering on the 20th May and the end of fruit set on the 14th June. Harvest began on the 6th September, two days later the harvest of this grape variety began and it ended on the 29th September.

Tasting notes

Complex nose with violet hints, floral aromas combined with wild blackberries and an elegant mineral finish. Long and fleshy wine in mouth. Which stands out for silkiness of its tannins. Contino Graciano is an elegant and balance wine, the result of a magnificence maturation of the variety in our vineyards San Rafael and an excellent aging work.