

CULMEN RESERVA 2017

GRAPE VARIETIES:
91% TEMPRANILLO
9% GRACIANO

AGEING::

25 MONTHS IN FRENCH OAK BARRELS 22 MONTHS IN BOTTLE

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ESTATE: Viña Lanciano PAGO: **EL RINCÓN** ALTITUDE OF VINEYARDS: 491 METRES

GRADIENT:
GENTLY SLOPING

RIVER PEBBLES



GRAPE VARIETIES:

91% Tempranillo, 9% Graciano selected grapes from 50-60 year old vines coming from Pago "El Rincón.

VINEYARDS:

"Pago El Rincón" - located in the southern part of our "Viña Lanciano" estate (El Cortijo – Rioja Alta) next to "El Rincón" mountain. 491 metres altitude with gently sloping terrain. North-South facing with a slight incline towards the north-west - south-west. Traditional Rioja bush vines with three arms, each with five spurs of two buds in length. Yield of 3,500 kg/ha.

CLIMATE YEAR:

Continental Mediterranean with an average rainfall of 40mm. Large difference in day and night temperatures due to the influence of the Sierra Cantabria, a factor that helps achieve optimum ripeness and maximises aromas. 2017 growth cycle: winter with regular temperatures followed by a spring with mild temperatures which brought budding 15 days forward compared to other years. After a very notable drought during spring and summer, the vines reactivated after the late August rainfall favoring a very good ripening balanced between sugars and polyphenolic compounds. Harvest at El Rincón plot took place on 16th and 17th September under excellent climate conditions.

WINEMAKING:

Fermentation of destalked grapes took place under controlled temperature in small stainless steel tanks to obtain maximum color extraction. Malolatic fermentation took place in new Frech oak from *Tronçaise* and *Jupille*.

AGEING:

During 25 months in new French oak barrels from *Tronçaise* and *Allier* forests, followed by 22 months in the bottle.

TASTING NOTES:

Very intense red cherry color. On the nose, aromas of blueberries, ripe cherry, and cassis with nuances of Mediterranean scrubland, mint, black pepper and cinnamon everything balanced with a floral character. Flavorful on the palate with firm and elegant tannins and leaving a great fresh sensation.

PAIRINGS:

Very suitable for red and roasted meats, as well as blue and cured cheeses. Ideal for long meals and ideal with sweet desserts.

SERVE at 17 - 19° C (62° -66° F).







CULMEN IS MADE ONLY IN VINTAGES DEEMED EXCELLENT IN TERMS OF QUALITY

ANALYTIC DATA:	T.A.: 5,33		V.A.: 0,56		
14% A.B.V. (% VOL)	(G/L TARTARIC AC.)	PH: 3,53	(G/L ACETIC ACID)	TPC: 66	IC: 13.36