

Finca la Mata 2021 (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.

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:

“This dark garnet-colored wine offers aromas of Chambord, fennel frond and lavender. Light- weight tannins and well-integrated acidity are wrapped around black currant, purple plum, anis- ette and rose petal flavors. A pleasant chocolate note sticks around after the last sip.”

92 points Wine Enthusiast; Mike Desimone - Advance Buying Guide October 2023

“Isaac Fernández’s Finca La Mata bottling is made from much older vines than the Rios De Tinta, as these tempranillo vines are fully sixty to eighty-five years of age! They are farmed organically, fermented with native yeasts and raised in a combination of ninety percent French and ten percent American oak casks for one year prior to bottling. The wine delivers a deep aromatic constellation of black cherries, sweet dark berries, pomegranate, dark soil tones, cigar ash a nice touch of fresh nutmeg and a sound framing of cedary new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full- bodied and ripely tannic, with excellent depth of fruit, a good base of soil, lovely focus and balance and a long, complex and promising finish. Though this is also listed at 14.5 percent octane, it shows no signs of uncovered alcohol on the backend. This is going to be an excellent wine with a bit of bottle age and is a very, very good value! 2030-2060+” **91+ points View from the Cellar;** John Gilman - Issue #103 January-February 2023

“A graceful red, with a fragrant, brambly edge of wild herbs lacing the ripe red berry, blackberry and cherry fruit flavors. Gains fine definition from light, taut tannins and citrusy acidity, while zesty spice and mineral notes linger on the finish. Drink now through 2031. 1,700 cases made, 1,500 cases imported.”

91 points Wine Spectator; Alison Napjus; Jan.31 – Feb.29 Issue 2024

“The 2021 Finca La Mata was made from old vine Tinta del Pais. Silky smooth on the palate, this is a beautiful expression of Ribera, with its coffee ground and roasted fig accents alongside the core of black raspberry and blackberry fruits. Juicy and lively with its bright underlying acidity and kumquat zest notes, enjoy now and over the next seven plus years to come. Drink 2023-2030-”

91 points OwenBargreen.com; Owen Bargreen - October, 2023

