

Solarce Rosado 2020 (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 2020 Solarce Rosado from Casa La Rad is composed of twenty-five percent each of Tempranillo, Graciano, Garnacha and Mazuelo. The wine is a very pale salmon color and offers up a beautifully expressive nose of white cherries, nectarine, salty white soil tones, spring flowers and a gentle touch of Rioja spice. On the palate the wine is vibrant, full-bodied and youthful, with a lovely core and mineral undertow, zesty acids and fine focus and grip on the long and very promising finish. This is drinkable today, but clearly built to age gracefully and will be far more complex with a bit of bottle age. **First class Rioja Rosado! 2021-2030+.**"

90+ View From The Cellar; John Gilman - Issue #91 February 2021

"Bright pink. Red berries, cherry and a hint of orange zest on the nose. Fleshy and open-knit, offering juicy raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that turn spicier on the back half. The orange and red berry notes linger on the nicely persistent finish, which shows subtle firming grip. 2021-2023"

89 Vinous; Josh Raynolds – 2021 Rosé – New Releases - June 2021

"It's rosé season, so here are three to pair with the warm spring weather. We have a delightfully unusual Spanish rosado that might spark Proustian memories of childhood candies and two classically styled pinks from Provence... Spanish rosado was traditionally made in a darker pink color, almost a light red, and aged for a year before release. In recent years, winemakers have responded to a market that clamors for the palest of pale pinks to drink the year after harvest. The 2020 Solarce from Casa La Rad is wild — it tastes almost like watermelon-flavored Pop Rocks spiked with mint. It has what wine fiends call "lift," meaning the aromas and flavors seem to levitate out of the glass. No coaxing needed here, just an open mind and a smile. Alcohol by volume: 13.5 percent."

3-Stars (Extraordinary) Washington Post; Dave McIntyre - May 7, 2021

