

Finca la Mata 2017 (Red Wine)



Isaac Fernandez Seleccion is a unique collaborative venture between two individuals – Isaac Fernandez, 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 8 months in a combination of 80% French and 20% American
UPC / SCC / Pack	8-437005-780361 / 8-437005-780385 / 12

Reviews:

“The 2017 Finca La Mata is a fine follow-up to the lovely 2016 version. These old vines have come in at fourteen percent octane in this vintage and offer up a deep and nascently complex bouquet of black cherries, plums, cigar wrapper, lovely soil tones, gentle spice elements and a judicious framing of new oak (one-third of the casks are new each year). On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and rock solid at the core, with lovely fruit tones, good soil signature, buried, ripe tannins and excellent length and grip on the youthfully complex finish. This is a serious wine and deserves time in the cellar to blossom into its secondary layers of complexity, but for those a bit impatient, it is already pretty easy to drink! 2025-2055+.” **92 Points** *View from the Cellar*; Issue # 85 - January/February 2020

“With rich flavors of red and black fruits, a little spice, and a hint of licorice in the background, this lively red wine from Spain was aged for eight months in a combination of 80% French and 20% American oak. The fruit (100% Tempranillo, also known as Tinta del Pais) comes from vines more than half a century old. 2017 was a superior vintage for Finca la Mata.” **90 Points** *Wine Review Online*; February 3, 2020

