

Pingao 2014



Winery: Isaac Fernandez Seleccion

Region: Rioja D.O. Calificada

Grapes: 100% Tempranillo

Winery: Isaac Fernandez Seleccion is the newest venture of the famous winemaker, Isaac Fernandez, who has spent more than 25 years producing some of the best wines in Northern Spain. He seeks to respect the identity of each vineyard and to nurture wines that balance power, finesse and purity with the capacity to age.

Wine: This wine is produced from old, bush-vines of Tempranillo grown at 2,300 feet of elevation in the sub-region of Rioja Alta. The vines are planted in sloping vineyards on calcerous-clay soils. Grapes were fermented in stainless steel tanks, followed by a few months of aging in oak barrels, keep-

ing a balance between fresh fruit flavors and complexity from oak.

Reviews: This wine has not yet been reviewed.

Reviews for previous vintages:

“Pure and fresh but neither simple nor obvious, this provides lots of spicy, fruity aroma and flavors that are surprisingly deep and lasting given the moderate weight of the wine. Very well made, and amazingly interesting for the price.”

89 points *Wine Review Online* “Keeping Spain on the Map” October 21, 2014

“Bright ruby. Zesty redcurrant and dried cherry aromas are complicated by fresh rose and black pepper. Firm, focused and juicy, offering vibrant, refreshingly bitter-edged cherry and redcurrant flavors. Brisk and persistent on the finish, which is firm by smooth, even tannins. Surprisingly drinkable for its age, but there’s plenty of zesty acidity here to suggest that it could handle a couple more years of bottle age.”

89 points *International Wine Cellar* Issue 176, Sept/Oct 2014



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