

Pingao 2015



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,

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

Review:

“(aged for six months in a combination of used French and American oak barrels) Inky ruby. Primary black and blue fruits on the smoke- and spice-accented nose. Chewy and concentrated on the palate, offering bitter cherry and cassis flavors that pick up hints of succulent herbs and candied flowers as the wine slowly opens up. Fleshy yet energetic, delivering strong closing punch and dusty, slow-mounting tannins that lend shape and grip. Definitely give this youthful wine some air if you insist on opening a bottle any time soon. 2019 - 2025”

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