

# Solarce Tinto 2016 (Red Wine)



Solarce are the entry level wines from the Casa la Rad estate in Rioja Baja. 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. The remainder of the estate is dedicated to growing almonds and cereal crops.

They seek a balance between their activity and the local environment so as to sustain or improve its vitality and biodiversity.

<b>Appellation</b>	Rioja Baja
<b>Grapes</b>	60% Tempranillo, 30% Garnacha, 5% Maturana and 5% Cabernet
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	530-600 meters / chalky clay soils
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Organic methods (not certified)
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small boxes
<b>Production</b>	The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks and underwent malolactic conversion in 500L oak vats
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 8 months in 225L new French oak barrels
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8 436002 580301 // 12

## Reviews:

“Brilliant violet color. Pungent, spice-tinged cherry and redcurrant scents are complemented by mineral and woodsmoke notes and a hint of mocha. Sappy and energetic on the palate, offering juicy red fruit preserves, spicecake and violet pastille flavors that convey an appealing blend of richness and delicacy. Finishes taut, smoky and quite long, leaving suggestions of candied flowers and cola behind. 2021 – 2028” **91 points Vinous Media**; "Rioja Looks Back and Ahead" - February 21, 2019

“This expressive red offers fruitcake flavors, with candied cherry, orange peel, vanilla and nutmeg notes mingling over citrusy acidity and light tannins. Drink now through 2028. 1,670 cases made.”

**89 points Wine Spectator**; Web Issue - 2019

“The 2016 Solarce offers up a fine nose of raspberries, cherries, lovely Rioja spice tones, a fine base of soil, a touch of coconut and a fairly generous framing of cedary French oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and focused, with classic Rioja velvetiness on the attack, a good core ... this is going to be a name to watch in Rioja! 2018-2030+.”

**88 points View from the Cellar**; Issue #75 – May/June 2018

**Gold Medal Mundus Vini**; 22<sup>nd</sup> Grand International Wine Award - 2018

