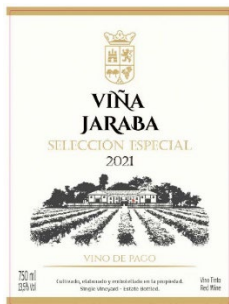


# Viña Jaraba Selección Especial 2021 (Red Wine)



Pago de La Jaraba is a family-owned winery built in the heart of La Mancha. While they can trace a history of notable regard for wines grown on the estate back to the mid-1700's their current goal is to produce high-quality, exclusively estate-sourced, flag-waving examples of the new “modern-traditional balanced” wines coming out of Spain. They follow traditional, sustainable methods and farm 80 hectares of vineyards. In addition, they also grow cereal crops – wheat and barley as well as sunflowers, almond, pistachio and olive trees. Finally, they raise their own flock of sheep on estate scrub/forest both to enhance and protect soil quality and for production of artisan Manchego cheese.

<b>Appellation</b>	La Jaraba D.O.P.
<b>Grapes</b>	70% Tempranillo, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Merlot
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	700-750 meters / sandy, clay, chalky, pebbles, limestone
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Sustainable methods
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small boxes, as grapes ripen, plot by plot
<b>Production</b>	50% of the grapes underwent fermentation and ML in 5,000L French oak vats, the remainder in small stainless steel tanks
<b>Aging</b>	Varieties were aged, separately for 12 months in 50% French and 50% American oak barrel, additional aging in tank and bottle
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8436025090658 / 68436025090650 / 6

## Reviews:

“Enticing aromas and abundant flavor with a refined structure and impressive balance make this red blend a standout. Primarily Tempranillo, this gains structure and complexity from additions of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is a waft of flowering herbs followed by flavors of fresh-picked blackberries, cherry bark, oak spices, and mocha with a background note of incense and cedar. Tannins are pliable while also youthful, making this wine a good candidate for further aging in bottle.”

**93 points Wine Enthusiast- Editor’s Choice-** E.C.B; May, 2026

“This “Selección Especial” bottling from Viña Jaraba will be deemed the “pick of the litter” wine by some who are able to taste across this lineup — though I hasten to add that each year’s releases makes that a very, very hard call. As usual, the 2021 rendition shows a degree of palate impact that elevates it above its lower-priced stablemate wines — which are fabulous for their price points, whereas this is just plain fabulous. Aside from mere palate impact (which everybody knows how to achieve by managing crop load, maceration time, etc.), this also displays a degree of purity, clarity, and class in its character that shows a selection of prime fruit that was then fully respected in the cellar. Stated differently, nothing was done to wring out more from this wine than the fruit could provide gracefully during maceration, fermentation, or oak aging. There’s a lot of flavor here without a lot of weight, and the blend of 70% Tempranillo, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Merlot was beautifully handled. As a sidelight, whereas the 2019 Crianza current release invites comparison to fine Rioja, this wine seems a bit more akin to Bordeaux — and lots of bottles from that region asking \$20 would run and hide if subjected to comparison to this wine.” **93 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz- November 12, 2025

“Another terrific value, the 2021 Pago de la Jaraba ‘Vina Jaraba Seleccion Especial is manly Tempranillo (70%) with the remainder Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Plush red and dark fruits parade with sweet pipe tobacco, sea salt and orange zest on the palate. Drink 2025-2031.” **91 points OwenBargreen.com;** Owen Bargreen- December 4, 2025

“As I have mentioned in the past, the 2021 Viña Jaraba “Selección Especial” has a slightly different cépages than the regular bottling here, as it is crafted from a blend of seventy percent tempranillo, twenty percent cabernet sauvignon and ten percent merlot. Half the cuvée undergoes malo in cask, the other half in tank, and the wine is given twelve months élevage in barrel, with the casks entirely “one wine” barrels made from French oak. The 2021 Selección Especial comes in at 13.5 percent octane and delivers a superb bouquet of black cherries, cassis, pipe tobacco, chalky minerality, tempranillo spice tones, coffee bean, gentle smokiness, a fine touch of meatiness and a stylish framing of spicy oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and tangy, with a fine core of fruit, excellent soil undertow, fine-grained tannins and lovely balance on the long, focused and quite classy finish. This too is an outstanding bargain, as it sells for all of twenty dollars per bottle here in the states! This is certainly approachable today, but there are some backend tannins there that will fall away if the wine is given a bit of time in the cellar. Fine juice. 2027-2045.” **91+ points View from the Cellar** John Gilman- Issue#117 May-June 2025

