

# 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:

“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

