

Solarce Tinto 2016 (Red Wine)



Solarce are the entry level wines from the Casa la Rad estate in Rioja. 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.

Appellation	Rioja D.O.Ca.
Grapes	60% Tempranillo, 30% Garnacha, 5% Maturana and 5% Cabernet
Altitude / Soil	530-600 meters / chalky clay soils
Farming Methods	Organic methods (not certified)
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	The wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks and underwent malolactic conversion in 500L oak vats
Aging	Aged for 8 months in 225L new French oak barrels
UPC / SCC / Pack	8 436002 580301 / 28436002580305 / 12

Reviews: "Attractive cinnamon and cedar perfume join a floral top note, alongside fresh red and black fruit in a stylish ensemble. The palate is silky smooth, finely detailed, with light, dusty tannins and very good length. An elegant and sophisticated wine, high quality, and complex." **92 points Wine Align (Canada);** John Szabo, MS - Tasted October 2019

"This is an impressive, fairly rich and rounded blend with very ripe cherry-figgy fruit, oak vanillin, cedar, spice and florals. Quite pretty. I like the cohesion here, quite svelte and fine with good acidity and fine, soft tannin. The length is excellent." **91 points Wine Align (Canada);** David Lawrason - Tasted October 2019

"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

"Solarce puts the E back in energy and a capital T back in tempranillo for this seriously meaty and seasoned red. 'Tis a bold and bad Rad with great stage presence and vocalization. Rad situation. Totally rad. Drink 2019-2022." **90 points Wine Align (Canada);** Michael Godel - Tasted October 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

"Dark red and semi-opaque, it offers tangy earthy aromas with herbal notes. Hard on the attack with firm tannins on the palate. Good depth of flavor, but dry and a bit short on the finish." **89 points International Wine Review;** "Spanish Wines of Value and Quality" - June 20, 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 –June 2018



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