

Solarce Rosado 2018 (Rosé Wine)



Solarce are the entry level wines from the Casa la Rad estate in Rioja D.O.Ca. 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. They seek a balance between their activity and the local environment so as to sustain or improve its vitality and biodiversity. Winemaker's note: "We try to do a true translation of our vineyard's speech in terms of wine with the grapes it gives us, thus Solarce Rosado combines all the grape varieties we grow in our vineyards of Cogutillos, Presas and Manantíos."

Appellation	Rioja D.O.Ca.
Grapes	25% each Tempranillo, Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuelo
Altitude / Soil	550-625 meters / sandy loam soils
Farming Methods	Organic methods (not certified)
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Direct press, no malolactic fermentation
Aging	Aged for a few months on fine lees prior to bottling
UPC / SCC / Pack	8-436002-580202 / 28436002580206 / 12

Reviews:

"Pale pink. Showing bright fresh red cherry skin on nose and a delicious, full flavored palate mirroring the nose with additional stone fruit notes. Mouthfilling and with a lovely, lively finish."

91 points *International Wine Review*; "2018 Vintage Rosés from Spain and Portugal" - June 5, 2019

"Made using the sangrado or bleeding technique that produces rosés with more colour and tannins, this is an equal blend of Tempranillo and Garnacha with no wood but plenty of bright, sappy raspberry and pomegranate fruit. Floral, appealing and bone dry. 2020-22"

90 points *Time Atkins*; *Rioja 2020 Special Report*; February 2020

"(all stainless steel) Vivid onion skin color. Fresh strawberry and tangerine aromas are sharpened by a mineral nuance and a hint of white pepper. Chewy and focused on the palate, offering zesty red berry and citrus fruit flavors and a refreshingly bitter touch of peach pit. Finishes firm and dry, with a building mineral note and an echo of juicy red fruit. 2019-2021."

90 points *Vinous Media*; "Rioja Looks Back and Ahead" – February 21, 2019

"This generous rosé features a broad, plush texture, with berry, spice and vanilla flavors mingling over gentle acidity. Exhibits good density and freshness. Tempranillo, Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuelo. Drink now." **88 points** *Wine Spectator*; March 2020 Web Only Issue

