

Viña Jaraba Reserva 2014 (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.

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| Appellation | La Mancha D.O. |
| Grapes | 70% Tempranillo, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Merlot |
| Altitude / Soil | 700-750 meters / sandy, clay, chalky, pebbles, limestone |
| Farming Methods | Sustainable methods |
| Harvest | Hand harvested into small boxes, as grapes ripen, plot by plot |
| Production | All grape movements by gravity, fermentation in small tanks separated by variety and source, natural ML conversion in concrete |
| Aging | Varieties were aged, separately for 12 months in 70% American and 30% French oak barrel, additional aging in tank and bottle |
| UPC / SCC / Pack | 8436025090634 / 18436025090631 / 12 |

Reviews:

“The 2014 Viña Jaraba “Reserva” shares a similar blend with the Pago de la Jaraba bottling: seventy percent tempranillo, twenty percent cabernet sauvignon and ten percent merlot. The varieties are separately fermented in cement tanks and then blended and aged in a combination of seventy percent American casks and thirty percent French casks for one year, prior to bottling and then given further bottle aging in the cellars prior to release. The wine offers up a very complex nose of black cherries, dark berries, a touch of clove-like spice, cigar wrapper, a fine base of soil tones and a nice mix of both cedar and coconutty oak tones in the upper register. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a superb core of fruit, good transparency and grip, suave, buried tannins and a long, vibrant and classy finish. This is already starting to show some nice velvety textural elements on the attack and is quite Rioja-like (albeit not quite as elegant in profile). It is a ridiculously good value, as it retails here in the US for \$16 per bottle! 2020-2040+.”

90+ points *View from the Cellar*; Issue #86 - March/April 2020

“Dark red. Red berry and floral aromas are complemented by discreet vanilla and woodsmoke flourishes. Sweet and energetic on the palate, offering spice-laced raspberry and cherry flavors that deepen as the wine opens up. Smooth, even tannins frame the finish, which hangs on with very good, spicy persistence. 2021- 2025”

90 points *Vinous*; Josh Reynolds – February 2021

“A blend of 70% Tempranillo, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot. Semi opaque in color, this bottling offers aromas of forest floor, soy and lead pencil on the nose. Soft on the attack, it has good density with notes of red fruit and good richness.”

90 points *International Wine Review*; "Spanish Wines of Value and Quality" - June 20, 2019

