

# Viña Jaraba Crianza 2018 (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 Mancha D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	80% Tempranillo, 10% 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>	All grape movements by gravity, fermentation in small tanks separated by variety and source, natural/ slow ML conversion
<b>Aging</b>	Varieties were aged, separately for 8 months in 80% American and 20% French and oak barrel, additional aging in tank and bottle
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack Size</b>	18436025090594 / 018436025090594 / 12

## Reviews:

“The 2018 Tinto “Crianza” from Viña Jaraba is made from the same combination of grapes as their regular bottling, with eighty percent Tempranillo and ten percent each of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is aged for eight months in cask, with eighty percent of the barrels made from American oak and the rest from French wood, and then given extended bottle aging in the cellar prior to release. The 2018 Crianza delivers a lovely nose, wafting from the glass in a mix of cassis, Cuban cigars, dark soil tones, a touch of Pomerol-like chocolate tones, woodsmoke and a deft framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a good core, fine-grained, moderate tannins and very good length and grip on the poised and balanced finish. This comes in listed at the same 13.5 percent octane as the regular bottling from 2021, but has a bit more mid-palate stuffing than that wine. 2023-2035.”

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