

TAPIAS DE MARQUÉS DE RISCAL

2020

D.O. Ca. Rioja

VARIETY USED

Tempranillo

ALC./VOL 15°
 Total Acidity 3,3

pH 3,48
IP 86

AGEING

20 months in French oak casks.

BEST SERVED AT

Between 16° and 18°C.

TASTING NOTES

Las Tapias is a notable wine which comes from a combination of features which are hard to find: finesse, elegance and complexity. It has tension and good structure, it is long and fresh. A blend of delicacy and power with clearly defined notes of redcurrants and cherries with slightly mentholated, smoky and spicy underlying nuances coming through. A wine with good balance and harmony, and a creamy texture which leaves an intense recollection of fruit. Its tannin concentration is excellent, with tannins of pure velvet which leave no sensation of astringency. And it is all presided over by minerality. Like the great vintages of the house it stands out as a great wine for laying down with a very long potential for ageing. A wine which looks back to the past with its eyes on the future.



FEATURES

A red wine which recalls the unforgettable wines of the Médoc Alavés (1862-1867), which emerges from those great terroirs of the terraces of the Ebro which so surprised Jean Pineau when he came to visit them in the 19th century, fruit of the hard work and passion of a succession of generations.

Las Tapias is a 15-hectare vineyard which stands out among the best Marqués de Riscal vineyards, located within the municipal boundaries of Elciego (Álava), known for the elegance and finesse of its wines.

It was planted in 1968 in the old-fashioned way using rootstocks and grafting them in the vineyard with a massal selection from very old vines of exceptional quality. Situated in a unique spot surrounded by rockrose, thyme, lavender, sage and rosemary and set aside for forty years.

Soil on very old terraces through which the Ebro flowed thousands of years ago. The soil has less clay content than usual with more gravel, looser with a very marked layer of calcareous rock at a depth of 70 centimetres. Some areas show a slightly reddish hue from some very light ferrous clay deposits which also contribute to the singular character of the plot. From this singular vineyard, 2.85 hectares have been selected for the making of this Tapias 2019 wine.

2020 VINTAGE

A hot and rainy autumn with average temperatures 1.5°C above the norm. Little rainfall during the winter although at the start of the vines' growing cycle the accumulated rainfall was actually higher than that of an average year.

Budburst was on 7 April at a time of high temperatures which encouraged rapid vegetative development. On 16 June there was a hailstorm which mainly affected the Navaridas district.

Due to the meteorological conditions encountered over the summer, the risk of fungal diseases was very high so special attention had to be given to controlling them. Véraison began on 22 July, a date which can be regarded as normal for the zone.

Harvesting began selectively on 10 September and the resulting harvest can be characterised as having a high content in the substances responsible for the colour and high sugar levels.