

IMPERIAL

GRAN RESERVA 1999

Imperial es uno de los grandes vinos de España. Un clásico riojano, nace en los años veinte. La elaboración de Imperial sólo se da cuando se producen cosechas excepcionales en Rioja Alta.

Nombre del Vino:	IMPERIAL
Tipo de Vino:	Tinto Gran Reserva
Zona de Producción:	Rioja Alta
Cosecha:	1999
Calificación DOCa Cosecha:	Buena
Variedades de Uva empleada:	85% Tempranillo 10 % Graciano 5% Mazuelo
Tipo de botella:	Bordelesa
Cajas y botellas:	Cajas de 6 botellas de 75cl, Mágnam 1,5l
Grado alcohólico:	13.00 % Vol.
Acidez Total:	5.60
pH:	3.40
Acidez Volátil:	0.63
SO2/LT	30/70



CARACTERÍSTICAS ELABORACIÓN

Mediante una vendimia manual se seleccionan en las viñas de la Rioja Alta las mejores uvas. Previamente macerada en frío, la uva realiza la fermentación alcohólica a temperatura controlada. El encubado se alarga para extraer el color y la estructura deseada y mediante la fermentación maloláctica y su posterior estancia en barricas nueva de roble francés y americano durante varios años, se obtiene este gran vino. Tras su clarificación tradicional, llevada a cabo con clara de huevo, será cuidadosamente embotellado y permanecerá dos años en reposo en nuestros calados hasta su salida al mercado.

DATOS DE LA COSECHA

Calificada como Buena, tuvimos un otoño e invierno con temperaturas suaves, la primavera fue de temperaturas irregulares y lluvias dentro de la media. La precipitación total de la campaña ha sido de 400mm/m2 y las horas de sol fueron 1.695, algo superior a la media, lo que permitió una adecuada maduración y un buen estado sanitario de la uva

NOTAS DE CATA

Brillante color, de capa alta. Nariz compleja, aromas especiados y balsámicos propios de su estancia en bodega bien ensamblados con notas frutales. Boca elegante, es amplio y amable con taninos redondos que hacen que la sensación de gran vino perdure en el tiempo. Es un vino con un largo postgusto, de gran estructura y tipicidad .

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Imperial is one of the big names of Spain. It is a true classic in Rioja and first produced in the twenties. Its name comes after a special bottling for the English market, in a measure called 'Pinta Imperial' or 'Imperial Pint' (an Imperial pint, half a litre approximately).

Since 1928 these wines can be found at the top restaurants and shops all over Spain. It has always been characterised for its very high and constant quality, in every vintage.

The Imperial range includes a Reserva' and a Gran Reserva' and is only produced in exceptional vintages.

VINTAGE RANTING:	Good
GRAPE VARIETES:	85% Tempranillo 10% Graciano 5 % Mazuelo
BOTTLE TIPE:	Bordeaux
CASE / BOTTLE SIZE::	C/6 – 75 cl
ALCOHOL VOLUME:	13%
TOTAL ACIDITY:	5.60
PH:	3.40
VOLATILE ACIDITY:	0.63
SO2 FREE / TOTAL:	30/70

WINEMAKING

This wine is produced from grapes harvested in vineyards over 20 years old in the area around Villalba and Haro in Rioja Alta, bush pruned, with low yields, and are picked by hand. Only the healthiest and ripest grapes are selected, and following destalking, the grapes are cold macerated prior to cold temperature fermentation.

Following a long maceration to achieve optimum colour and structure, the wine passes to malolactic fermentation, to refine the wine, and to leave it with the necessary acidity to complete its american and french oak maturation, and subsequent bottle ageing prior to release to the market.

THE VINTAGE

The growth cycle started with very favourable conditions for a right budding. However, on April 16th a very intense frost affected most of the Rioja vineyards, with the only exceptions of those situated at higher altitude. The recovery was excellent from the vegetative point of view, yet uneven from a production perspective. The harvest in our vineyards took place from mid-September until the end of October, with occasional rains and unstable weather conditions. The production was lower than 25% over the previous vintage and the quality was uneven, still offering a good porcentaje of wine suitable for ageing.

TASTING NOTE

Intense ruby red resulting from the long maceration. Deep berry nose, blackberries, and liquorice predominating in the powerful structure. There are fine hints of toasty oak with fine balsamic nuances. On the palate it is full, generous and rich with hints of fine spices. The tannins are mature and the wine has developed an exceptional elegance from its time in barrel. The finish is long, beautifully structured and classic Rioja Alta.

