

FINCA TORREMILANOS

RIBERA DEL DUERO 'LOS CANTOS'

ORIGIN

Spain, Ribera del Duero,
Arranda de Duero

WINE TYPE & VARIETIES

Still red, Tempranillo and
Merlot

SOIL

Limestone, sand and clay

AGE OF VINES

Around 40 years old

VITICULTURE

Certified biodynamic

VINIFICATION

Fermented in stainless steel tank, aged for 13 months in 225-litre French and American oak barrels from their own cooperage in the cellar (25% second-use barrels). Clarified with natural, fresh, proximity and organic egg white (35 g/hl). Filtered by a nominal micron before bottling

Finca Torremilanos is located in the heart of Ribera del Duero, just south of the Duero River. Pablo Peñalba López acquired the Finca Torremilanos estate in 1975 seven years before Ribera del Duero was even recognized as an appellation. He immediately began producing estate-bottled wines of remarkable quality, moving away from the former practice of selling bulk grapes to the local co-op.

Pablo continued to develop and showcase the potential of the land across a wide range of soils (sand, rounded river stones, clay, limestone) and exposures. By the early 2000s, their eldest son, Ricardo, had stepped into his father's role and began practicing organic and biodynamic farming methods, including returning to horse-plowing, hand picking, and native-yeast fermentation. In 2015 they became the first in the appellation to be Demeter certified. Since 1988 they have even produced their own barrels of French and American oak at their in-house cooperage.

Several different vineyard parcels go into this wine, but they have one thing in common, they all have larger river stones in the vineyards. The stones retain the heat from the day as the sun sets and also protects the soil from drying out too quickly, as it is shielded from the direct sun.

The flagship from Finca Torremilanos and despite the 14.5 % alcohol the wine is fresh and vibrant, balanced and tasty. The oak is well integrated after 13 months. Fresh red fruit and floral scents are accompanied by subtle herb and spice flourishes. Seamless and energetic on the palate, offering juicy raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that take a sweeter turn on the back half. Shows very good focus and tangy cut on the subtly tannic finish, which hangs on with strong, spicy persistence. There's something almost Pinot-like going on here.



VIN EST. 2012