

# **TASTING NOTES**

## "BENITO ESCUDERO" GRAN RESERVA

Varietals: 70% Tempranillo, 15% Garnacha, 15% Mazuelo

**Alcohol:** 13,5%

Located on the south of Monte Yerga on the sun faced side of the slopes, the Cuesta de la Reina Estate commences at an altitude of 450 meters and ascends to 800 meters. The soils, clayey-calcareous, are very poor and with abundance of boulders. The estate of 120 Hectares has belonged to the family for four generations and the family itself has always cultivated the vineyard. The approximate average age of the vines is 75 years.

Following a meticulous monitoring of the vineyard, the grapes are harvested at optimum maturity. The harvest is done manually by selecting healthy and ripe grapes and rejecting the bad and deteriorated. Once in the winery, the grapes are selected again on a conveyor belt.

#### **ELABORATION**

The fermentation is done in stainless steel tanks with autochthonous yeasts. Upon completion of fermentation, the wine is macerated for at least 10 days. Aging is done in American oak barrels with an average of 5 years of age and remains there for at least 18 months. During this time, the barrels are racked three times. Once the wine is clean, the wine is bottled and remains in the bottle cellar at least 36 months before being commercialized

### **TASTING**

Brick red deep covered. Clean on the nose with spicy aromas, toasts and dried fruits. Well structured, savory, ample and well balanced. Pleasent finish and harmonized flavors. Complex retronasal, in which we find balsamics and good oak. Finishes elegantly.

#### FOOD MATCH

Jamón Serrano and Ibérico, aged cheese, red meats, stews and roasts.

