

**MARQUÉS DE MURRIETA**
RIOJA DESDE 1852

**Castillo Ygay**
RIOJA

OWN SINGLE VINEYARD: An old single vineyard called La Plana located at 485 meters altitude within our 300 hectare Ygay Estate surrounding the winery in the southern point of Rioja Alta wine area. It is exclusively elaborated to be a gran reserva in the excellent quality vintages.

GRAPE VARIETIES: 87% Tempranillo, 13% Mazuelo.

MANUAL HARVEST: From the 10th to the 12th of October.

VINIFICATION: Grapes are first carefully de-stemmed, squeezed and then fermented in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks for 12 days, with daily “remontage” and “pigeage” processes which help its wine to develop its own personality. Both these processes ensure maximum colour and aroma, without producing excessive tannins.

AGEING PROCESS: 34 month in 225 litter American oak barrels and 36 months in bottle before release.

PAIRING: All kind of red meats, game, ibericos and cured chesses.

CONSUMPTION TEMPERATURE: 18°-19°C.

DECANTING: We recommend to let it breathe for some minutes before consumption.



PEÑÍN WINE GUIDE (SPAIN): 95 points. **Best Gran Reserva of Spain.** “Exceptional Wine. It excels among those of a similar type, vintage and region. It is extremely impressive in every sense. It’s elegant and out of the ordinary” by J. PEÑÍN.

TODOVINO WINE GUIDE (SPAIN): Best 2000 Gran Reserva of Spain. “Exceptional, mythical wine”.

WINE SPECTATOR (USA): 92 points. “Top Wineries of the World” by T. MATTHEWS.

PROENSA WINE GUIDE (SPAIN): 91 points, by A. PROENSA.

WINE ADVOCATE (USA): 90 points. “It is a fragrant, enticing, already complex offering that will continue to evolve in the bottle. Rich, savoury, ripe, and beautifully balanced” by R. PARKER.

WINE ENTHUSIAST (USA): 90 points. “An elegant Rioja made in a more traditional style. The palate is where this wine shines: the feel is elegant and smooth. Mature and sexy stuff” by M. S.

KOREAN WINE CHALLENGE (ASIA): Gold Medal by DR. CHOI HOON.

ABC NEWSPAPER (SPAIN): 9/10 points. “With this exceptional quality vintage, the winemaker, Maria Vargas has succeed in completing the updating of all Marqués de Murrieta wines. Expressive, long and deep wine” by C. MARIBONA.

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