

CASTILLO YGAY 2001

WINE SHEET

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: 93% Tempranillo, 7% Mazuelo.

MANUAL HARVEST: From the 6th to the 10th of October.

VINIFICATION: Grapes are first carefully de-stemmed, squeezed and then fermented in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks for 11 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: 31 month in 225 litter American oak barrels, with at least 10 months in new oak, and 36 months in bottle before release.

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

CONSIMTION TEMPERATURE: 18° – 19°C.

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

SCORES

PEÑIN WINE GUIDE (SPAIN): 97 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, elegant and out of the ordinary” by J. Peñín.

WINE SPECTATOR (USA): Top Wineries of the World.

REPSOL WINE GUIDE (SPAIN): 94 POINTS. Best 2001 Rioja Gran Reserva. “Elegant, structured (...)”.

PROENSA WINE GUIDE (SPAIN): 94 POINTS. by A. Proensa

WINE ADVOCATE (USA): 94 POINTS. “The first vintage of the new era”. On the palate balsamic and other savoury notes make an appearance along with plenty of succulent black fruit. It has outstanding depth, concentration and balance. It is likely to have a 30 year lifespan” by R. Parker.

WINE & SPIRITS (USA): TOP 100 BEST WINERIES OF THE YEAR “Castillo Ygay is a modern take on the estate which now supplies all the fruit for Murrieta’s wines. It’s tightly built and concentrated with the sophistication and textual finesse that link it to Ygay. The 2001 Castillo is impressive” by J. Greene.

INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR (USA): 92 POINTS. “Impressively complex bouquet” by S. Tanzer.

FOOD & WINE (USA): BEST WINE OF 2010. “It is a classic Rioja from a great vintage, and exemplifies everything that makes Rioja so appealing: silky cherry fruit, a kind of spicy earth note that suggests the Spanish terrain. All of its flavors and structural notes are in perfect balance” by R. Isle.


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