Queirón Mi Lugar Vino de Quel, DOCa Rioja 2019

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Queirón

— Rioja, Spain

If you think Rioja is boring or staid, then this is the wine to change your mind. Rigorous selection of only the best fruit from high altitude vineyards, and from Bodegas Ontañón's new winery in the centre of Quel, has produced one of the new Rioja classifications: a 'Vino de Pueblo', which can only be produced from family-owned vineyards within a named village.

2019 Vintage

Decanter World Wine Awards Silver 2023

The Wine Merchant Top 100 2024

The Wine Merchant Top 100 Top 100 2025

Production

Predominantly Tempranillo sourced from several selected vineyard parcels in and around Quel, including: El Poeta, La Bartola and Hoyo Judio. All are at altitudes above 600m - low yielding vines which receive no artificial irrigation. Many are plots of old bush vines. After three different stages of selection - in the vineyard, at the winery, and a final selection of the berries after de-stemming - there is a period of pre-fermentation maceration for 5 days, followed by a further 18 day maceration at 22-26°C. Malolactic fermentation takes place in French oak barrels. Vinification takes place at a new, gravity-fed winery in the centre of Quel with the most up-to-date technology. The finished wine spends 18 months in new oak barrels (80% French and 20% American) with varying levels of toast. After a further 6 months in large (18,000L) French oak foudres, the wine is stored in the winery's calado (underground cellar) before release.

Tasting note

Pronounced aromas of ripe black fruit and blueberries, backed by spice, mocha, fig and balsamic notes. The palate is generous with complex bramble and plum fruit characters, well-integrated oak and bright acidity. It is structured yet elegant with fabulous length.

Food Match

Classic steak or roast lamb

ABV:
14.50%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Appellation:
DOCa Rioja

Winemaker:
Rubén Pérez Cuevas

Grape Varieties:
Tempranillo 90%, Garnacha 10%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Bottle Barcode:
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