

# PALACIOS REMONDO

## VIÑAS VIEJAS DE LA PROPIEDAD 2021

### BACKGROUND

Alvaro Palacios has spent decades pioneering a new order of fine wine across Spain. He has created some of the country's most iconic wines by championing terroir and native grapes whose potential had been long overlooked and untapped.

Palacios Remondo is his family's Rioja estate, tucked in the far eastern corner of the Oriental district. The story in this rugged, high-altitude scrubland is about Garnacha—the territory's traditional variety and also one of Alvaro's biggest passions. By focusing on elevating Garnacha-driven wines that are expressive of and authentic to this stunning side of Rioja, Alvaro is continuing to reshape the future of Spanish fine wine.

### APPELLATION

Rioja D.O.Ca., Spain

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

90% Garnacha 10% Traditional Varieties

### TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

Rioja Oriental is blessed with a warm, dry Mediterranean-influenced climate (unlike Rioja's west, where the climate is more continental). The soils, formed by carbonate sedimentation with diverse colluviums containing deposits of volcanic ophite, quartz, and sandstone, covered with carbonate clay, sand, and silt. At varying depths, there is a poor, cold horizon containing petrocalcic calcium (calcium carbonate) with a distinctive white color—this is prized by many for its ability to impart a mineral-driven finesse to the wine.

Rioja's eastern-most district is often described as flatter than its western counterpart but make no mistake—there is significant elevation here. The grapes for Propiedad represent the pinnacle expressions of Palacios Remondo's terroir and come from three estate vineyards: Las Mulgas, Valviejo and Corral Serrano Viejo.

The soils between 0.5 and 2 meters thick are from the Quaternary Period, formed by carbonate sedimentation with colluviums of very diverse origin, containing volcanic ophite, quartz, sandstone, etc. covered with carbonate clay, sand, and silt. The exposure is east/northeast on the Yerga Mountain slopes with vineyard heights reaching between 400-640 meters (1,321-2,099 feet) above sea level with a vine age of 30-94 years old. The grapes were harvested between Sept. 28th and Oct. 6th.

### WINEMAKING & AGING

The grapes were destemmed, crushed, and fermented with native yeasts in wooden vats with gentle cap immersion. Maceration took place over 35 days followed by spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel. Aging was 10 months in *fudres* and *bocoyes* (wooden cask) followed by fining but no filtration.

### TASTING NOTES

Propiedad is quite elegant but has remarkable concentration. Dried herbs, strawberry, blueberry, and baking spices ripple over subtle earthy notes and fine-grained tannins. The palate is seamless and beautifully balanced, sporting a mineral verve and seductive mouthfeel. Will age beautifully for a decade or longer.



### WINEMAKER

Alvaro Palacios

### TECHNICAL DATA

TA: 5.3 g/L

pH: 3.49

Alcohol

14.5%



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