

# Contino Garnacha 2017

*Viñedos del Contino was created by CVNE and the family owners of the estate in 1973, establishing the “château” concept in the Rioja region. The estate embraces vineyards and wines, and is rooted in an ancestral home within a meander in the River Ebro. Its wines are made exclusively from the vines planted on its 62 hectares located in Laserna, near the town of Laguardia in the Rioja Alavesa wine-making region.*



- **Type of wine:** Red
- **Region of production:** Rioja
- **Year:** 2017
- **Contino vintage rating:** : Excellent
- **Grape Varieties :** 100% Garnacha
- **Type of bottle:** Burgundy
- **Bottle size:** 5,300 bottles of 75cl.

## Analytical data

- **Alcoholic volume :** 14 %
- **Total Acidity:** 6.22
- **pH:** 3.33
- **Volatile Acidity:** 0.57
- **SO<sub>2</sub>L/T :** 27/62

## Winemaking

Our Garnacha grapes were hand harvested on the 14th September, with selection taking place both in the vineyard and again later on a selection table in the winery. A pre-fermentation cold soak took place in large format French oak vessels until fermentation began spontaneously, this taking eight days to complete. The wine remained in the vat for another two weeks following which it was racked to barrels of 400 and 500 litres and where it remained for 14 months.

## Vintage / Harvest description

The grapes come from three plots; “Pajera”, planted in 1980, which has chalky soils, “Central”, planted in 1950 whose soils are alluvial and “Lentisco”, planted in 1940 on stony soil. The vines on all three plots are bush trained which yield Garnacha of exceptional quality. 2017 was a difficult year in Rioja, marked by a severe frost on the 27th April. Fortunately, Contino vineyard was not affected. At Contino, 2017 is considered as exceptional in terms of the quality of the wines produced.

This was a cool year with 7% less rainfall than in 2016.

Budbreak began on the 15th March, flowering on the 20th May and fruit set ended on the 14th June. Harvest began at Contino on the 6th September and ended on the 29th.

## Tasting Notes

Garnacha has a long growth cycle and in the Rioja Alavesa region it produces wines which are Atlantic in style. The perfect ripeness of the grapes delivers authenticity, complexity and elegance, resulting in a fruit-driven wine. Floral notes combine perfectly with crunchy red fruit and lead to a fresh, perfumed and mineral finish. It is perfectly balanced and has vibrant acidity.