

GRAN FAMILIA

Varietal Blend: 90% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano and Garnacha
Vintage: 2010
D.O.: Rioja
Winemaker: Alfredo Gonzalez
Winery: Castillo de Fuenmayor



TASTING NOTES

Color: Deep cherry red with garnet hues, bright and clean
Nose: Ripe fruit with added complexity of sweet herbs and spicy notes
Palate: Elegant with outstanding harmony in the assembly of noble tannins, good acidity and a balsamic base. A delicate touch of fine vanilla from the oak aging.
Finish: Long and persistent
Food Match: Roast meats, especially lamb

VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

The vineyards are located on clay and limestone soils in Rioja Alta with an average age of 25 years for the vines. Harvest took place in October following a warm summer which helped maturity. Fermentation was in stainless steel tanks with the temperature regulated at 26° C. When fermentation was done, the wine was raked into barrels for 8 months. Selection of barrels is of particular importance in Rioja where oak is such a critical element in winemaking. 50% of the wine went into American oak barrels and 50% into French oak barrels. This results in the perfect balance of fruit and oak.

TECHNICAL DATA

ALC: 12.5%
RS: 1.75 g/l

PACKAGING INFORMATION

12 x 750 ml per case
55 cases per pallet (5 layers of 11)
Bottle UPC: 858828001071 / Case UPC: 5060108900409

PRESS

88 Points (2008 vintage) - Wine Advocate, Issue # 189, June 2010
"Gran Familia offers up a fragrant nose of cedar, leather, spice box and blackberry. This is followed by a medium-bodied wine with plenty of savory fruit, a forward personality, and enough structure and balance to drink well over the next 5 years. It is an excellent value."

WINEMAKER INFO

Alfredo Gonzalez is a technical agricultural engineer and has a Masters Degree in Winemaking and Oenology from the University of La Rioja. His training as a winemaker and experience in several wineries gives him a broad knowledge of different winemaking techniques. With a passion for winemaking, he is committed to improving the Gran Familia brand. His knowledge of the different vineyards and viticultural techniques makes the winemaking process easier and gives him a greater control over the final product.

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