

# GRAN FAMILIA

Varietals: 90% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano  
D.O.: Rioja  
Winemaker: Alfredo Gonzalez  
Winery: Castillo de Fuenmayor

## TASTING NOTES

Color: Bright cherry red with garnet tints  
Nose: Ripe fruit with added complexity of sweet herbs and spicy notes  
Palate: Savory wine with classic sour cherry acidity and a hint of vanilla  
Finish: Long and smooth  
Food Match: Roast meats, especially lamb. Indian curries.

## VITICULTURE / VINIFICATION

The winery is located near Briones at the heart of Rioja Alta. The 30+ year old vines sit in soils composed of clay and limestone. Grapes were picked mid-September and the juice fermented in stainless steel tanks with the temperature controlled at 26° C. With fermentation complete the wine was racked into barrels for 9 months. Barrel selection 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 resulting in the perfect balance of fruit and oak.

Gran Familia is a Conjunto de Varias Cosechas (CVC) wine, literally "various vintages together" which allows the winery to deliver incredibly consistent quality year in and year out without the restrictions of the Rioja DO vintage classification rules.

## TECHNICAL DATA

ALC: 12.5%      Total acidity: 5 g/l  
RS: < 2 g/l      pH: 3.6

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

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



## PRESS

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### WINEMAKER INFO

Alfredo Gonzalez is a technical agricultural engineer with a Masters Degree in Winemaking and Oenology from the University of La Rioja. His passion and training as a winemaker and experience in several wineries gives him a broad insight in to different winemaking techniques, and his local knowledge of the vineyards and microclimates in Rioja Alta ensures he's able to coax the maximum quality from each vintage.

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