



MARIO 2013

Variety 75% Tempranillo – 25% Cabernet Sauvignon
Production area Finca de Vega Clara. Pago de Carretuerta
Appellation of Origin Ribera de Duero
Yield 4000Kg/ha
Picking method by hand

WINEMAKING PROCESS

Harvest: 13-17th October, 2013
Alcoholic Fermentation with
Autochthonous yeast.
Pumpover 3 times a day with manual
"bâtonnage"
18 days maceration
Malolactic fermentation in oak
barrels
Clarification
LIGHT filtration

AGEING PROCESS

35% American Oak (Missouri)
65% French Oak (Allier)
225l Barrels 35% new
Ageing period 14 months
bottling date ,July 28th 2015
Production 17000 bottles (75cl)

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

As always, **MARIO 13** is grown in a very unique vineyard with 40-year-old vines located in Quintanilla de Onésimo.
Vintage 2013 was somehow not a very typical vintage in the Ribera del Duero due mainly to the mild temperatures and rainy weather during Spring 2013 which caused a late awakening of the plants resulting in a late ripening and finally a later harvest than usual.
Nevertheless, summer and early fall until harvest time on October 13th were quite typical or with even better conditions than usual on the Fall side, letting us harvest on dates that are usually troublesome for the Ribera del Duero, due to the high risk of early frosts. That late harvest gave our grapes a slow ripening, which translated into a vintage with very good acidity.
Summing up, 2013 is a well balanced vintage and will provide wines of a very good acidity.

TASTING NOTES:

MARIO 13 presents a beautiful and intense cherry color, with a high layer as usual in **MARIO**.
Brilliant and with a velvet edge

MARIO 13 presents an amazing nose of a very high intensity and complexity.

Red fruit and wild berries, such as blackberries and raspberries.

As is typical with **MARIO**, it displays a great number of spiced aromas such as black pepper and cinnamon.

Ripe black fruit weave together with sweet oak. Smoky aromas of toffee and caramel coming from the barrels. Very balsamic. Fresh, clean and elegant.

On the palate, **MARIO 13** displays wide and intense. Very smooth, ripe, silky and elegant tannins as usual. Creamy with high volume, perfectly balanced and with a very long finish. Persistent.

This is one more vintage in which we can say that **MARIO 13** maintains its personality as well as the winery's personal signature: **Elegance**.