



LA MEJORADA  
BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS

## TIENTO 2016

*PGI Castilla y León*

*Terroir Single Block*

**La Mejorada** winery and its vineyards have been set up in an old **Jerome monastery**, founded in the 15<sup>th</sup> century by Fernando I of Aragon. Thanks to the architect **Rafael Moneo** and his family, the monastery of **La Mejorada** is, today, almost entirely restored and adapted to the typical activities of a winery.

### THE PLOT

Tiento is a **test**, a careful experiment of what the La Mejorada terroir is capable of expressing, which is why this wine, each year diverse and unexpected, is made from a selection in the vineyard of the best grapes, those that have reached exceptional maturity, the result of the unique combination of variety, soil and climate. In this vintage, the vines harvested were mainly in the mid-elevation part of the vineyard, with sandy and loamy soils. The soil has a pH between 8.3 and 8.9 (alkaline), with no active limestone and good drainage.

### HARVEST

During autumn the temperature was within the average of previous years, however, it was dry, in contrast to the winter which was very wet. Spring turned out to be very cold and wet, which made bud break very slow. The summer was much hotter than normal with very high temperatures, which meant that the cycle recovered the average rate of development of previous years. **The grapes were harvested** under optimal temperature and humidity conditions, with the best grapes from each varietal. **Dates:** September 26th (manual).

### ELABORATION

We try to respect as much as possible the artisanal winemaking processes with minimal intervention. Tiento is diverse each time, capturing the best essence of La Mejorada. **Aging:** Red wine aged 13 months in French oak barrels (40% new oak) **Bottling date:** August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. **Alcohol content:** 14% vol. Alc.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright cherry red color, very high layer. The nose is fine and complex, spicy, black fruit, floral, mineral, licorice, elegant toasted notes. The palate is powerful and balanced, fleshy, creamy, balsamic, with silky tannins, and the finish is fresh and fruity, as well as spicy.

