



LA MEJORADA

BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS

PALOMAR DE LA REINA 2019

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 15th century by Fernando I of Aragon. Thanks to **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

Deep soil, well developed, with a distinctly sandy texture, completed with fluvial sedimentation (gravels) and predominantly siliceous in nature. With a pH of 8.9 (alkaline) and no active limestone and good drainage. The grape variety used is **Syrah**.

HARVEST

During the autumn the temperature was 1°C above the historical average and it was very warm compared with the historic, also in terms of humidity. The winter had normal temperatures and was also very dry, with February standing out as a very dry month. Spring was normal, although it was also dry. Up to March, the temperatures brought the beginning of the biological cycle forward and budbreak began at the end of April. The summer was very hot, with an anomaly of between one and two degrees higher, and was also dry overall, although in August there was concentrated rainfall in the form of thunderstorms. **The grapes were harvested under optimum temperature and humidity conditions. Date of harvest:** September 18th, 2019 (manual)

ELABORATION

The final selection of **Palomar de la Reina** grapes took place a week before the harvest, selecting vines and clusters from different blocks of the plot according to their location, aspect and water retention capacity of the soil. During the winemaking process, the temperature was controlled by cooling every day before alcoholic fermentation began, with two pump-overs per day. **Ageing:** 19 months in French oak barrels (35% new). **Bottling date:** September 9th, 2021. **Alcoholic strength:** 14% vol.

TASTING NOTES

Bright violet color, high layer. The nose is fine, elegant and complex, with vibrant fresh black fruit (cassis, blackberry), violet flower, notes of cocoa and chocolate, spicy (white pepper), balsamic and elegant smoked. The palate is very fresh, balanced, fleshy, with good structure, the tannins are silky and the aftertaste is fresh, very fruity, balsamic, smoky, spicy and very persistent. Ready to drink, but with great cellaring potential.

