



HACIENDA MONASTERIO

Ribera del Duero

Hacienda Monasterio has a special place in our hearts and cellars. Having remained at the vanguard of the evolution of the DO of Ribera del Duero since its founding in 1991, Hacienda Monasterio continues to innovate and seek new ways to make wines that embody the region's potential for power as well as elegance and finesse. Guiding this evolution is Peter Sisseck, who joined the estate shortly after its inception and while he has pushed the envelope in the DO with his own wine Pingus, he's remained at the helm of Hacienda Monasterio: overseeing the purchase and planting of new vineyards, grafting over existing vines to the local Tempranillo, Tinto Fino, and incrementally improving vinifications by championing native fermentations, experimenting with whole clusters and employing larger 500L French oak barrels for aging.

ORIGIN

Spain

APPELLATION

Ribera del Duero

SOIL

Clay limestone

AGE OF VINES

15-30

ELEVATION

730

VARIETIES

Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec

FARMING

Certified organic (CECyL)

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, strict selection, partially destemmed, whole berry fermentation with natural yeasts in tank, 20 day maceration

AGING

18 months in French oak barrels 25% new

The results of these changes are evident in the wines. While retaining the complex aromatics that are a signature of this terroir – think orange peel and black olive tapenade, recent vintages have shown ever more elegance and precision.

The chalky soils where the vineyards of Hacienda Monasterio are located have no difficulty making powerful wines but harnessing the terroir to make balanced wines requires a tremendous effort in the vineyard to match the yields to the vintage. Organic farming and a strict selection of fruit in each vintage certainly helps, and in the cellar Peter has started employing increasingly higher proportions of stems, is moving towards a more gentle maceration, and is employing more larger and more seasoned French oak barrels. The cuvée formerly known as Crianza is a blend of primarily Tempranillo with about 10-15% Cabernet Sauvignon and smaller portions of Merlot and Malbec.

ACCOLADES

94 – 2018 Ribera del Duero – Wine Advocate

94+ – 2016 Ribera del Duero – Wine Advocate

94 – 2015 Ribera del Duero – Wine Advocate

