

ALIÓN

2020

DESCRIPTION

Alión is the result of a careful selection of terroirs located in the best areas of DO Ribera del Duero. Soils that complement each other and the same viticultural practices used at Vega Sicilia produce wines with a firm structure.

The 2020 vintage was drier than others right up to the harvest. The grapes were very healthy, but the heavy rains in September marked the vintage and diluted the fruit. We had to wait for the grapes to re-concentrate before harvesting, but the resulting wines were more vertical, balanced and fresh. We were able to extract more because the skins were highly polymerised, allowing us to increase the proportion of American oak by 4%. The use of concrete helped us to improve the verticality and freshness of the wines.

Covid made 2020 a challenging vintage, but the wines are delicate, deep and spicy. This Alión stands out for its elegance and finesse.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Alcohol by volume - **14.5 %**

Varieties - **Tinto Fino**

Average age of the vineyard - **40 years**

Vineyard surface - **70 ha (Padilla de Duero, Valbuena de Duero and Pesquera de Duero)**

Plant density - **2,222 plants/ha**

Elevation - **750 m**

Yield - **3,500 kg/ha - 24,5 Hl/ha**

Harvest - **Manual, in 12 kg boxes, from 14 September to 4 October**

2020 GROWING SEASON

Temperatures were warmer than usual at the end of the previous growing season and the weather conditions resulted in good cane ripening.

Average spring temperatures and rain helped the plants to sprout successfully in the second half of April with no frost. In terms of rainfall, the total for the year is below average.

June was cooler than normal, while July was warmer, bringing veraison forward by a week.

There was some rain during the harvest, so we had to stop occasionally in order to pick dry, healthy grapes.

STORAGE, SERVICE AND DRINKING WINDOW

This wine is suitable for drinking now, but it can be cellared for 20 years if stored in optimal conditions: 12-14 °C / 54-57 °F and 60 % relative humidity.

Best served at 18 °C / 64 °F.

PRODUCTION

285,485 standard Bordeaux bottles, 7,115 Magnum, 620 Double Magnum, 81 Imperial and 7 Salmanazar.

BOTTLING DATE

May 2022

