

## Finca Torremilanos Ribera del Duero Los Cantos Spain 2018

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### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2018

**GRAPE** Tempranillo/Blend

**GEOGRAPHY** Europe

**COUNTRY** Spain

**LARGER REGION** Castilla Y León

**SMALLER REGION** Ribera Del Duero

### Rationale

Ribera del Duero is an important wine region in Castilla y Leon, northern Spain whose deserved reputation is grounded in the high-quality of its red wines made mainly from Tempranillo grapes, locally called Tinto Fino. Interestingly, Ribera del Duero was not awarded official DO status until 1982, despite a long history of winemaking, centered on the leading local producer, Bodegas Vega Sicilia whose Unico bottling is generally regarded as Spain's greatest and served at royal functions.

Located on the elevated northern plateau of the Iberian Peninsula at 2800 feet altitude. Ribera del Duero means "bank of the Duero", and the river indeed divides the region. It also provides the local vineyards with a much-needed water supply. Here the red wines, that comprise almost all of the region's production, are deeply colored, with firm tannin, ample structure, and layered with complex aromas of savory dark fruit. Most of the top examples age gracefully for years.

Founded in 1903, Finca Torremilanos in Aranda de Duero is the second-oldest wine-producing estate in Ribera del Duero (after Vega Sicilia). The current regime dates to the late 70s and was instrumental in the establishment of the appellation in 1982. Pilar Pérez Albéniz, one of the most respected women in the region and winner of the inaugural 'Ribera Heritage' Award in 2019, is still at the helm, working with two of her sons, Ricardo and Vicente. It is also the first-ever Demeter-certified biodynamic winery in the appellation, as of 2015.

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Clear

**COLOR DEPTH** Deep

**COLOR** Ruby

**RIM VARIATION** Purple  
*Stained Tears: Low*

### Structure

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**ACID** Med+

**ALCOHOL** Med+

**TANNIN** Med+

**TEXTURE** Round / Smooth

**FINISH** Med+

**COMPLEXITY** Med+

### Aroma & Taste

**RED FRUIT** Cherry / Red Tomato • Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*

**BLACK FRUIT** Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Black Plum *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*

**FLORAL** Hibiscus • Rose *Condition: Fresh, Dried*

**GREEN VEGETABLE** Dark Leafy Greens • Arugula

**OTHER VEGETABLE** Mushrooms (Brown) • Peppers (Red/Yellow) • Beet (Purple) • Fennel / Anise • Tomatoes / Sun-Dried

**HERBAL** Marjoram • Mint / Eucalyptus • Oregano • Chicory

**OTHER SPICES** Licorice (Black) • Licorice (Red) • Green Peppercorn • Paprika / Pimenton

**ORGANIC EARTH** Turned Dirt / Clay

**INORGANIC EARTH** Mineral / Rock

**ANIMAL** Leather

**OAK AGING** Yes *Oak Intensity: Medium*

**OAK INFLUENCE** Clove • Dill • Smoke • Star Anise • Vanilla

**OXIDATION/NUTTINESS** Pistachio • Walnut