

Villota Villota



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2022 Vintage

93pts

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2021 Vintage

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2021 Vintage

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Denominacion de Origen	D.O.Ca. Rioja
Location	Laserna, a small village located on the Ebro River in the municipality of Laguardia, in the province of Álava. Rioja Alavesa sub-zone.
Varietal	85% Tempranillo, 13% Graciano, 2% Garnacha
Vineyards	Finca San Rafael, owned and cultivated by the Villota family since the 1930's. The vineyard is distributed on three terraces that slope gently towards the Ebro River.
Year(s) Planted	1930-1990
Viticulture	Traditional dry-farmed manual viticulture, without the use of systemic herbicides, fungicides, pesticides, or fertilizers. Vines cultivated primarily "en vaso" or goblet style head trained vines.
Soils	Primarily of calcareous iron-rich clay, with a high percentage of limestone, and with a deep reddish color. Thousands of years ago the site was covered by the river, and over the years it deposited

canto rodado, or galets, across the whole vineyard. Today, certain parcels are completely covered by an impermeable surface of canto rodado, or rolled river stones.

Climate	Continental Mediterranean, with a slight Atlantic influence which is moderated by the Sierra de Cantabria. Average annual temperature is 13.8 C (56.8 F) and annual rainfall is around 500 l/m2.
Winemaking	The bunches are destemmed and the berries sorted before spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel (the varieties are fermented separately) with temperature control, remontage, and delestage. Total fermentation and maceration lasts 18 days. MLF in French barrique.
Aging	16 months in French oak barrique (10% new) followed by three months in concrete tank.
Comments	Viñas del Lentisco – Villota is owned, operated, and founded by Carmen Pérez-Garrigues and her father Ricardo Pérez- Villota, the fourth and third generations of the Pérez-Villota family, a line of growers that have been rooted to the San Rafael estate in Laserna, Laguardia on a meander of the Ebro River since 1930. In 1973, the Villota family cofounded Viñedos del Contino, Rioja's first single estate winery with CVNE. The partnership lasted until 2013, when the Villota family broke off, taking the historic family estate with them, and founded their own winery under the Villota brand on this historic plot of land.

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