



El Cortijillo Tempranillo

Spain - Castilla-La Mancha - La Mancha

ABOUT VINICOLA DE CASTILLA

Founded in 1976, Vinicola de Castilla it is a privately-owned corporation (not a co-op) and a D.O. La Mancha pioneer in fruit-driven young wines, barrel-aged reds, and varietals. Located in Manzanares (Ciudad Real), it is a 300,000 square foot, state-of-the-art winemaking facility. They have a production capacity of 2 million liters and storage for 8,000 barrels.

The winery and the vineyards are all located in the La Mancha D.O. Vinícola de Castilla has more than 40 hectares of their own cultivation, divided mainly in two types: bush vines and espalier. The 5 hectares dedicated to bush vines are all planted to Airen. The rest is a mix of Macabeo, Moscatel, Chardonnay, Verdejo, Tempranillo, Merlot, Syrah, and Petit Verdot.

Windmills are a famous symbol of La Mancha. In the historic town of Consuegra, amidst the plains of Castilla-La Mancha, 12 white tower windmills stand on a hill, in front of a medieval castle. These iconic towers are believed to be the windmills described by Miguel de Cervantes' famous 17th-century novel, "Don Quixote".

ABOUT THE WINE

Up front aromas of raspberry and cherry fruit, medium to light weight, Rhone wine in character; cherry fruit flavors, followed by bright acidity. Reminds one of a mythical cross between a Pinot Noir and a Cotes du Rhone. A pleasant and fun bistro red.

Appellation	La Mancha
Varietal(s)	100% Tempranillo
Age of vines	30+ years
Pairings	Delicious with Paella, hamburger, pasta, grilled vegetables (bell pepper, eggplant, etc.)
ABV	14.2%
Size	12/750ml / 6/1.5L
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