



TASTING NOTES

Fresh and bright Rosado from Tempranillo.

Finca Torremilanos Montecastrillo Rosado

COUNTRY

Spain

ABV

13%

REGION

Castilla y Leon

VARIETALS

100% Tempranillo

APPELLATION

D.O. Ribera del Duero

WINERY

Pablo Peñalba López acquired the Finca Torremilanos estate in 1975 with 60 hectares of vines (now grown to almost 200 hectares of vineyards)—seven years before Ribera del Duero was even recognized as an appellation. He immediately began producing estate-bottled wines of remarkable quality, moving away from the former practice of selling bulk grapes to the local co-op. Pablo continued to develop and showcase the potential of the land across a wide range of soils (sand, rounded river stones, clay, limestone) and exposures.

By the early 2000s, their eldest son, Ricardo, had stepped into his father's role and began investigating organic and biodynamic farming methods, including returning to horse-plowing, hand picking, and native-yeast fermentation. In 2015 they became the first in the appellation to be Demeter certified. Since 1988 they have even produced their own barrels of French and American oak at their in-house cooperage.

CULTIVATION

Manual harvesting of estate-owned vineyards.

VINIFICATION

Direct pressing after a cold soak on skins to extract color. Racking of the must followed by alcoholic fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks for 8-10 days at 18-20°C. Matured on fine lees. No malolactic fermentation to conserve the freshness of the wine.

AGING

No aging in barrels. Bottled the first week in January.