



Single Vineyard Wine

ALTÚN VILLACARDIEL

Vineyard in Laguardia at 630 metres above sea level.

Winemakers: Iker and Alberto Martínez Pangua.

Area: 19.1 Hectares (47.2 acres) Production: 18,000 bottles.

"VILLACARDIEL IS IN A PROTECTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREA AT WHICH THE REMAINS OF MEDIEVAL NECROPOLIS HAVE BEEN UNEARTHED, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS DOLMENS AND STONE WINE PRESSES HEWN OUT OF THE ROCK WHICH DATE BACK TO THE $12^{\rm TH}$ TO $15^{\rm TH}$ Centuries and reflect the Long Wine–Making Tradition in this Landscape."

THE LAND

A Tempranillo vineyard in Laguardia at 630 metres above sea level in the foothills of the Sierra de Cantabria mountain range, with the vines rooted in shallow, chalky soil. The wine-growing is sustainable and respectful to the environment in a climate marked by sharp contrasts.

PRODUCTION

We are mere transmitters that seek to give the utmost respect to natural fermentation processes through measured intervention, in order to create an authentic wine that reflects its place of origin.

The grapes are harvested in 11 kg boxes and gravity-vatted. We use native yeasts to provoke spontaneous malolactic fermentation in French oak casks. *Ageing:* Eight months in barrels and six months in concrete tanks.

TASTING NOTES

This is a wine with a bright, clean cherry-red colour.

It has a very expressive nose, dominated by red fruits with subtle notes of blackberries and blackcurrants and floral hints.

On the palate it has an elegant impact with polished, oily and unctuous tannins. The finish is fresh and vibrant, very characteristic of the vineyard.

Recommended serving temperature: 16°C
Recommended glass: Riedel Veritas New World Shiraz or similar

