WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Thee popular proverb says that "there is no early harvest that is not bad", and that we had in 2017 a tremendously early and difficult vintage, marked by strong spring frosts, hail and a severe drought, all this caused us to have little grape and uneven ripening. Therefore a year of challenges in terms of elaboration and interpretation of the vintage, from which we finally obtained a complex and elegant wine, suggestive and full of nuances.

José Manuel Beneítez, enólogo

TOTAL PRODUCTION: 12.665 bottles 0,75l

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Tempranillo

WINE AGEING: 14 months in French oak barrels (60% new barrique)

ALCOHOL: 15% Vol.

WINEMAKING: Slow and early harvest that begins with the first plots on September 19 and ends three weeks later. We pass our grapes through a double selection of bunches and grapes, and then ferment, payment by payment, in small presses of 4000 kg. The malolactic fermentation was then carried out in barrels and aged for 14 months in French oak.

TASTING NOTES: With a shy, suggestive and especially complex aromatic profile. Black fruit accompanied by an interesting minerality, along with subtle notes of sweet and creamy spices provided by the aging. In the mouth it is silky and with a final tension that keeps it in the mouth for a long time. Wine of many nuances.

VINEYARD

Average Age: between 80 - 100 years

Soils: Mixed, a combination of warm soils, sand and pebbles on the surface

and clay at different depths.

Climate: continental, with very cold winters and hot summers.

VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS: 2017 will go down in history as the year in which all possible inclement weather was concentrated, began with the frosts of early May that did a lot of damage to a budding that came ahead, then we had scattered hail and a tremendously dry spring and summer. All this caused a very advanced ripening and very uneven especially the polyphenolic ripening.





THE WINERY

VIÑAS DEL CÉNIT was born in 2004 on the left bank of the Duero River, in the historic region of Tierra del Vino de Zamora. In our search for singular vineyards, we find in a moment of strong abandonment, this corner of hundred-year-old vines, many of them surviving from phylloxera. Convinced by its great potential, Viñas del Cenit is established with the mission of expressing in wine bottles the marked personality and typicity of this territory and its history