

DALMAU 2017

RIOJA, SPAIN



VARIETALS

80% Tempranillo
10% Cabernet Sauvignon
10% Graciano

WINE ALCOHOL

14.5%

OVERVIEW

The Cebrián-Sagarriga family, who in 1983 acquired the winery, established in 1852, has a distinct winemaking philosophy that is founded in the pursuit of quality and excellence through tradition and innovation. To speak about Dalmau is to speak about Canajas, a unique single vineyard within the 741-acre Ygay Estate. The vines in that vineyard are more than 60 years old and are located at 465 meters. Long maceration during fermentation, aging in new French oak barrels and very limited production characterize the wine.

This modern Rioja wine made from tempranillo, cabernet sauvignon and graciano perfectly reflects the innovations taking place at Marqués de Murrieta.

WINEMAKING

Grapes are first carefully destemmed and then each variety ferments separately for 11 days. Tempranillo ferments in stainless steel and cabernet sauvignon and graciano in small oak vats. Pumping over and delestage (rack-and-return) operations are carried out on a daily basis.

The grapes are vinified separately to keep their peculiarities intact. Dalmau 2017 was aged 23 months in 225-liter new French oak barrels from Allier, and then 12 months in the bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

A bold fruit-forward palate, with fresh acidity and silky tannins gives the wine structure, wideness and depth. With a perfect balance between elegance and power, Dalmau expresses the awesome personality of the vineyard it comes from.

HARVEST NOTES

Manually selected harvest done in small crates so that grapes reach the winery as soon as possible and in perfect conditions. The tempranillo was hand-picked on September 15th, the graciano on September 17th and cabernet sauvignon on September 24th.

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POINTS

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Blackberry and ripe-fruit aromas with black licorice and dark chocolate. It's medium-to full-bodied with creamy-textured tannins and a long, flavorful finish that is so precise and polished. Great length. Best ever? Cabernet sauvignon, graciano and tempranillo.

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Glistening ruby. Deeply perfumed, smoke-accented cherry liqueur and blueberry aromas are complicated by building floral, vanilla and exotic spice accents. Sappy, sweet and broad on the palate, offering densely packed black and blue fruit, licorice, mocha and floral pastille flavors that slowly become spicier as the wine opens up. Shows excellent clarity on the long, oak-spiced finish, which is framed by smooth, polished tannins.

