

# DALMAU 2020

RIOJA, SPAIN



**VARIETALS:**  
82% Tempranillo  
12% Cabernet Sauvignon  
6% Graciano

## 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 10 days. Tempranillo ferments in stainless steel and cabernet sauvignon and gracia-no 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 2020 was aged 17 months in 225-liter new French oak barrels from Allier, and then 13 months in concrete vats before bottling. before bottling.

**96**  
POINTS  
*Robert Parker*

...This vintage continues the change towards freshness and elegance that I saw in 2019 but takes it even further. The wine is beautifully perfumed, floral and elegant, refined, clean, expressive and showy. It has a very subtle balsamic twist, a very harmonious and balanced palate and velvety tannins, superbly crafted. This has freshness and balance like I have never seen in Dalmau before. Bravo! It's approachable already and should continue evolving in bottle for a long time too. 14,962 bottles, 900 magnums and some larger formats produced. It was bottled in May 2023.

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A fabulous modern expression of Rioja showing complexity, depth, structure and brightness. Grilled spices, cloves, anise, cocoa powder, sandalwood, blackberries, blueberries and dark plums. Naturally concentrated and full-bodied, but really vibrant and fluid, followed by firm tannins and a long, juicy finish. The wine seems to be less extracted this year, which is crucial to keeping the harmony. Already drinkable, but this will become more appealing in the next few years. Will age effortlessly.

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