

2018

TINTILLA DE ROTA

HARVEST

Rainfall in the 2018 growing year - 746 l/m² - was much greater than the previous two years and 12% higher than the average for the area. The rain was not well distributed over the year, with some 427 l/m² falling in March and April. Temperatures were high during the winter but spring and early summer were marked by chilly winds from the west that brought temperatures down to way below the usual for the area. Early August was very hot, with the high temperatures accompanied by easterly winds. The weather meant that the harvest did not begin until 27th August, starting with the Syrah grapes and finishing on 21st September with the Petit Verdot. On 25th September we laid the Tintilla de Rota grapes out in the sun for the "asoleo", a traditional process whereby the grapes are laid out on strips of esparto grass to dry, which increases their sugar content.

VINEYARD FEATURES

The estate of Finca Moncloa is situated on relatively high land between Arcos de la Frontera and San José del Valle, 1 km from the Guadalquivir reservoir and is protected by the Sierra Valleja. The altitude (135m above sea level) and the slopes of the vineyards allow for year long exposure to the sunshine which produces grapes with intense concentration and aroma and the tannins needed for ageing. Finca Moncloa enjoys a Mediterranean climate with good variation between day and night temperatures. The soil is made up of 45-50% clay, 25-30% silt and 25% sand with an active chalk content of 21% which is very similar to the Albariza soil found in Jerez.

THE ORIGIN OF TINTILLA DE ROTA

Finca Moncloa is the place where the González Byass family has sought to revitalise lost winemaking traditions from the region. In this case, the family concentrates on the cultivation of a very particular, native varietal, Tintilla de Rota. This red variety is only found in this part of the region and it can be found in González Byass archives dating back to 1841, with an entry for a sweet, red wine having been sold to the Spanish Royal family. Tintilla de Rota has been replanted on the Finca Moncloa estate and is now incorporated into the blends for all of the wines, as well as being used for this delicious single varietal red wine, made exclusively from Tintilla de Rota.

WINEMAKING

The vinification of this sweet wine using Tintilla de Rota is carried out by traditional methods, first by letting the grapes over-ripen on the vine. After a manual harvest, the clusters are spread over strips of esparto grass matting where they undergo the 'asoleo' process for several days, until they reach the perfect level of sweetness. In the winery, once the grapes have been destemmed and crushed they are macerated and fermented until they reach 4-5% degrees alcohol/volume before being pressed. 10% of wine based spirit is then added to the must in order to stop fermentation. After a few months resting at low temperatures in stainless steel tanks, the wine ages for 20 months in French oak casks before it is bottled. This wine was bottled in December 2020.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Tintilla de Rota 2018 shows an intense, cherry colour. Dark dark, with purple edges with dense, lingering glycerol legs on the side of the glass. On the nose it shows intense aromas of mature black fruits, vanilla, cocoa and slight notes of French oak. On the palate, it is silky, velvety, and persistent. It has body, with soft and elegant tannins, and an aftertaste of red and black fruits, cassis, caramel, honey and fine notes of French oak.



- ✘ VARIETIES:
100% Tintilla de Rota
- ✘ AGEING:
20 months in French oak barrels
- ✘ ABV:
15,0 %
- ✘ PH:
3.72
- ✘ TOTAL ACIDITY:
5,3 g/l
- ✘ VOLATILE ACIDITY:
0,96 g/l (acetic acid)
- ✘ RESIDUAL SUGARS:
294 g/l
- ✘ DENOMINATION OF ORIGIN:
Vino de la Tierra de Cádiz. Suitable for vegan