

BADIOLA LADERAS 2018

RIOJA ALAVESA TEMPRANILLO

Badiola is our winery in the heart of Rioja Alavesa one of the most incredible (and certainly the most underrated) wine regions in the world. Badiola offers village and single vineyard wines that display the freshness, elegance and depth of flavours which we believe distinguish the great wines from Rioja Alavesa.

We cultivate over 300 parcels of extraordinary vineyards on the slopes of the Sierra Cantabria, mainly in the villages of Villabuena de Alava, Leza, Samaniego, Laguardia, Navaridas and Baños del Ebro.

Laderas means 'slopes' in Spanish.

TASTING NOTES

Shows pure and precise aromas of cherries, red berries and thyme. Medium bodied, with good length and weight on the palate, showing beautiful balance between the fresh acidity, fruit concentration and firm but fine-grained tannins.

A versatile, very satisfying drinking wine and a great example of cooler climate Tempranillo from Rioja Alavesa. If you are a Central Otago Pinot Noir lovers, this is bound to be your new best friend.



HARVESTING

Made from high quality, low-yielding grapes from hillside ("laderas") vines on limestone soils, without need for carbonic maceration that often results in excessive herbaceous in the finished wine.

2018 was a cool and late vintage. The fruit was harvested in near perfect condition, with a fresh acidity, balanced tannins and an pure fresh red berry fruit expression.

FERMENTATION

Fermentation was cool with balanced extraction and low levels of intervention, to allow for a 'sense of place' to show.

MATURATION

About a quarter of the wine is aged for 4-6 months in new barriques of top quality French and American oak, for added complexity and texture, Oak should support, not dominate the fruit aromas. Above all, we want the unique fruit and personality from this spectacular place, to shine through in the glass.

Alcohol: 14 % ABV

Residual Sugar: 1.8 g/L

Total Acidity: 5.34 g/L

pH: 3.79

To enquire about allocation, contact info@samharropwine.com