

# Bela 2019



*Bela's label is a facsimile of one of CVNE's label from 1910. The stars represent the children of CVNE's founder, Eusebio Real de Asúa. His brother Raimundo, the other founder, had no descendants. Each star represents one of the children: Sofia, Áurea, and Ramón. Sofia was known as Bela.*



- **Type of wine:** Roble
- **Region of production:** Ribera del Duero
- **Year:** 2019
- **DO vintage rating:** Excellent
- **Grape varieties:** 95% Tempranillo, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot
- **Bottle type:** Bordeaux
- **Bottle size:** 75cl.
- **Aging and barrel type:** 9 months in French oak barrels

## Analytical data

- **Alcoholic volume:** 14.3%
- **Volatile acidity:** 0.40
- **Total acidity:** 5.2
- **SO<sub>2</sub> Free/Total:** 32/72
- **pH:** 3.65
- **Total Polyphenols Index:** 64
- **Suitable for vegans**

## The vineyard

Own vineyards, mostly of Tempranillo (5% Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot) of more than 25 years situated at more than 820 m altitude in the village of Villalba de Duero. Our Villalba vineyard is marked by its smooth and corrugated terrain.

The soil has 2 distinct parts: on the one hand, a sandy loam texture, rich in sand-sized particles, well distributed between coarse and fine, which characterizes these soils as well aerated and well drained. On the other, clay-loam textures both with an average depth of around one meter, poor in organic matter with a medium carbonate level.

## Winemaking

The winemaking process is traditional, cold maceration prior to fermentation in stainless steel tanks followed by a nine-month ageing in French oak barrels.

The wine matures a minimum of three months in the bottle until its release on the market.

Selected yeasts.

## Vintage / Harvest description

The 2019 campaign has brought together all the necessary conditions for the production of quality wines. Due to the absence of rains at key times, flowering and ripening, in the months of May and June, the quantity of grapes was reduced, obtaining small and loose bunches, less compact, increasing the concentration of colour and aromas.

The evolution of the grape during the vegetative cycle came with a slight delay, but the low productions caused an earlier maturation.

The harvesting of the grapes went smoothly and gradually, making a good selection of the grapes both in the field and in the winery.

The harvest took place in Bela between September, 27<sup>th</sup> and October, 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Tasting notes

High intensity cherry-red cherry color with purple notes in the boarder. Aromatic complexity where we find floral notes and red fruit such as currant, raspberry, etc.. All this softened and complemented by fine notes of sweet spices and the nuances of the wood from the barrel (vanilla, clove...). It is a wine of passage marked by a tasty tannin and with personality, the end of mouth takes us to a long and fruity aftertaste with a final minerality that confers elegance and finesse.

Service temperature 15-16°C