# El Círculo Crianza

# D.O.Ca. Rioja / Red



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El Círculo Crianza is made from selected Tempranillo grapes – the most prestigious variety in the Rioja Denominacion de Origen Calificada (D.O.Ca.). The region is influenced by the Atlantic, which along with our careful winemaking, produces a complex, sweet and full bodied wine with floral aromas and black berry flavours.

## T GRAPE

100% Tempranillo

## \* STYLE

Still wine

#### **REGION**

Spain's most famous wine region is renowned for creating top quality wines with exceptional ageing ability. It lies in northern Spain, along the River Ebro from which the region's name derived. Elegance and poise is the hallmark of wines made here. Rioja's different soil types together with the use of modern and traditional growing practices allow winemakers to produce a wide range of wines with different personalities, although always within the framework of the Denominación de Origen Calificada (D.O.Ca.) regulations.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

Brilliant deep ruby red in colour with violet hues. This wine has aromas of red berry fruits and creamy Morello cherry notes, sweet spices and delicate hints of vanilla. Smoky nuances of blackcurrants mid-palate lead to a lightly spiced, liquorice finish.

#### FOOD PAIRING

The perfect accompaniment to pasta, rice, cheese and meat dishes.

## °C ALCOHOL CONTENT

13,5°

## 8 BEST SERVED

At a room temperature of 16-18º C

#### *i* TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The grapes are harvested in optimal conditions of maturation. A period of cold maceration follows to extract the colour of the skins and the fruit aromas. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks takes place at a controlled temperature (25 - 28 °C) over a period of 10-12 days. This wine is left to age for a period of 12 months in new American oak barrels.

#### ABOUT THIS WINE

2007 El Circulo Crianza (Rioja): "Sort of scratchy and generic on the nose with reasonably fresh red fruit aromas. The mouth-feel is angular and clipped by piercing acidity, while the flavours are of nice but regular black cherry and plum. The wine is fairly juicy and fresh as a whole."

Wine Enthusiast Magazine (USA)

2012 El Circulo Crianza: "Classic tobacco leaf and sour cherry in a more serious modern style. Fruit- driven with firm tannins but restrained, with the potential to age a few years". *International Wine Challenge 2015* 

## TATEST AWARDS

#### SILVER

2015 AWC Vienna Competition : El Circulo Crianza 2012 SILVER 2015 Decanter World Wine Awards: El Circulo Crianza 2011 BRONZE 2015 International Wine Challenge: El Circulo Crianza 2011 BRONZE 2015 International Wine and Spirits Competition: El Circulo Crianza 2011 SILVER 2014 International Wine & Spirit Competition (IWSC): El Circulo Crianza 2011 COMMENDED 2014 Mundus Vini: El Circulo Crianza 2011 COMMENDED 2014 Decanter World Wine Awards: El Circulo Crianza 2011 COMMENDED 2014 International Wine Challenge: El Circulo Crianza 2011