PAGO DE CARRAOVEJAS

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2018

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TASTING NOTES:

Expressive, open, powerful and delicate all at the same time. Complex flavor concentration characterized by floral and spiced nuances that complement the intense fruit flavors. Structured, yet elegant tannins provide its recognizable character and balance.

TERROIR:

Grown mostly on the lower parts of the estate at 850 meters, the soil is primarily fine-grained sandstone blended with clay and loamy-limestone that provide excellent water-retention properties.

WINEMAKING:

Grapes are hand-harvested in the vineyard then undergo a rigorous second and third hand-selection at the winery sorting table. Gently destemmed and transported via gravity to stainless steel tanks for alcoholic fermentation using only native yeast followed by malolactic fermentation in a combination of stainless steel and French Foudres.

AGEING:

12 months in extra-fine grain French and American oak and 12 months in the bottle prior to release.

VINTAGE:

The favorable conditions of 2018 began with winter snowfall and rain helping to restore the balance in the vineyard after a climactically extreme 2017. Cover crops helped to naturally control vine vigor that resulted from a wet, cold spring, while hot and dry summer conditions together with meticulous field work allowed for optimal ripening and an excellent vintage. The harvest ran from September 29th-October 12th.

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VARIETIES:	93% Tempranillo
	4% Cabernet Sauvignon
	3% Merlot
PRODUCTION:	750,000 bottles
APPELLATION:	Ribera del Duero
VITICULTURE:	Sustainable, Practicing Organic
ALCOHOL:	15.0% ABV
ACIDITY & pH:	5.4g/L & 3.67 upH

2018: OCTOBER RELEASE
Peñín: 93

2017:
Best Spanish Crianza (Gourmets)
Best Spanish Red Wine (AEPEV)
Points:
Peñín: 93
Tim Atkin: 91
James Suckling: 92

2017: ´´This offers a wealth of ripe dark berries and plums on the nose with good purity. The palate has a very juicy and concentrated feel. The tannins are nicely groomed. This holds good shape and length. Drink or hold.´´– James Suckling, 92 pts