Bodegas La Horra

A serious and age-worthy Ribera del Duero , Corimbo I exemplifies the depth and structure of old-vine Tempranillo with classical precision.

Corimbo I 2018

Ribera del Duero, Spain

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Tempranillo

Region and Vineyards

Corimbo I is sourced from the prestigious DO **Ribera del Duero**, specifically in the villages of **La Horra and Roa**—regions renowned for their exceptional old vineyards. The vines average **50 years of age**, grown without irrigation on **limestone and chalk soils**, which are ideal for producing concentrated yet vibrant fruit.

The Ribera del Duero landscape is defined by terraces along the Duero River (terrazas), gentle hillsides (laderas), and higher slopes (cuestas). These elevations offer excellent drainage and thermal variation, which contributes to slow, even ripening. Combined with the region's continental climate and high altitude, these conditions yield Tempranillo (locally known as **Tinta del País**) of exceptional density and aromatic purity.

Winemaking

Made entirely from **100% Tinta del País**, Corimbo I underwent fermentation in a combination of **large wooden vats and stainless steel**, enabling precise temperature control and gentle extraction. The wine was then matured for **14 months in oak barrels**, with a mix of **80% French and 20% American oak**, approximately half of which were new.

This regime enhances the wine's depth and aging potential while ensuring that oak remains integrated rather than dominant. This vintage, marked by warm and consistent weather, delivered **ripe but balanced fruit**, leading to a wine that is both **concentrated and refined**, with abundant yet ripe tannins and a lingering, dry finish.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep garnet with hints of purple; dense and vibrant.
- **Aroma**: Aromatically intense, with layers of dark cherry, plum, blackberry, cocoa, and dried herbs. Subtle notes of cedar, spice, and graphite add depth.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and structured, with a robust tannin frame and plush fruit. The wine shows richness and complexity, but remains poised. Long, dry finish with excellent aging potential.

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Did you know?

Corimbo I is the **grand vin of Bodegas La Horra**, the Ribera del Duero project created by the famed Rioja house **Bodegas Roda**. The estate is built on four years of viticultural research and deep respect for Tempranillo, identifying the best non-irrigated, old-vine plots to represent a purer, more terroir-focused style in the region. Corimbo I is only made in the most promising vintages.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Dry-aged ribeye steak with black peppercorn crust** – the wine's structure and tannins stand up to rich, marbled beef.
- **Roasted leg of lamb with rosemary and garlic** – herbal notes in the wine complement the aromatic crust of the lamb.
- **Wild mushroom and truffle polenta** – earthy flavors resonate with the wine's depth and chalky minerality.
- **Aged Spanish cheeses (Idiazabal, Manchego viejo)** – intense flavors and firm texture pair seamlessly with the wine's grip and complexity.

Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2015)

The powerful and concentrated 2015 Corimbo I feels classical and showcases the character of the vintage and the depth of the old-vine Tempranillo. It's ripe without excess and reveals abundant tannins and a long, dry finish. This year, the wine matured for 14 months in French and American oak barrels, approximately half of them new. 32,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in September 2017.