

Vega Sicilia

Macán 2019 is a bold and polished expression of Tempranillo from Rioja DOCa , uniting structure, depth, and precision in a compelling flagship cuvée.

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Macan 2021

Rioja, Spain

Region and Vineyards

Macán is produced in the **Sonsierra subregion of Rioja Alta**, an area renowned for its elevated vineyards and complex soils. Situated at around **500 metres altitude**, the vines benefit from a cooler mesoclimate and significant diurnal temperature shifts. These conditions preserve acidity and ensure even ripening, ideal for producing structured, age-worthy Tempranillo.

The grapes are drawn from **100 hectares** of vineyard spread across key villages such as **San Vicente de la Sonsierra, Labastida, Ábalos, Navaridas**, and **Elvillar**. With an average vine age of **40 years**, planted at **3,333 vines/ha**, and yields restricted to **28 hl/ha**, the vineyards deliver concentrated fruit with refined tannins and a clear sense of origin.

Winemaking

The **2019 vintage** was one of the warmest of the decade, with sustained drought through spring and summer. However, a well-timed rainfall of **80 mm in early September** helped the vines recover and allowed the fruit to gain volume without sacrificing structure. Harvest took place manually between **26 September and 9 October**, with a sharp focus on selecting grapes at optimal ripeness.

Fermentation was conducted with a **gentle, infusion-like approach**, limiting extraction to preserve finesse and avoid excessive tannic weight. Press wines were incorporated with restraint and polished before blending. A greater proportion of **large oak foudres** was used in place of barriques to soften the wine's frame and highlight freshness. The result is a wine of depth, balance, and excellent ageing potential.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Tempranillo

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby with garnet reflections, suggesting both richness and early development.
- **Aroma**: Intense and layered, with notes of blackcurrant, ripe plum, graphite, wild herbs, and subtle floral hints, framed by touches of sweet spice and toasted earth.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and structured, with firm yet refined tannins, a juicy core of black fruit, and a long, brooding finish. The wine displays depth and freshness, with remarkable potential for ageing.

Did you know?

Macán is not only the **flagship wine of the Rothschild-Vega Sicilia partnership**, but also the product of a meticulous vision begun in 2004. The name "Macán" is inspired by a traditional nickname for the people of San Vicente de la Sonsierra, underlining the wine's deep local roots. The blend of **French winemaking precision and Spanish terroir expression** makes this cuvée a unique ambassador for the evolution of Rioja.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Venison loin with blackcurrant reduction**: The bold structure and dark fruit character complement gamey flavours and sweet-savory sauces.
- **Beef Wellington**: Macán's firm tannins and elegant profile provide balance to the richness of the pastry and beef.
- **Mature Comté or aged Manchego**: The wine's density and subtle oak spice are an ideal match for umami-rich cheeses.
- **Braised oxtail with Rioja sauce**: A regional pairing that enhances the wine's complexity and supports its ample structure.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2020)

The 2020 Macán includes new plots and Garnacha and Graciano grapes, and they harvested a little earlier. They select their best plots in San Vicente de la Sonsierra, and the grapes were cooled down for 24 hours before fermenting in oak vats with part of autochthonous yeasts. It matured 50% in new French oak barrels and 4,000-liter oak foudres for 16 months. The bottles are kept for three years before they're released. Rating: 94+

93 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 93 Points (2020)

An understated red, with flavors of chopped black cherry and mulberry, cured tobacco, cedar, and mineral that start off slowly but gain momentum and length on the palate. Framed by polished tannins, this is fluid and harmonious, with pretty floral, herb and spice details lingering on the fresh finish. Drink now through 2038.

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Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 97 Points (2019)

This dark garnet colored wine has a nose of black cherry, aniseed and vanilla. It is a touch spicy at firs sip, offering notes of clove and eucalyptus that are followed by flavors of blackberry, ripe summer cherry, milk chocolate and orange zest. Lush tannins coat the palate and dissolve, leaving traces of orange zest and cherry pie behind.