



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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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.

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 first 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.

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2019)



Attractive aromas of cloves with blackberries, blueberries, cedar and hints of chocolate. It's full- to medium-bodied with fine yet chewy tannins and a flavorful finish. Sleek and muscular. Needs three to five years to soften but already impressive. Try after 2026.



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Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2019)

2019 was a more concentrated and powerful year that was warmer and drier; it was saved by the 80 liters of rain in the first half of September, and they tried to select the higher-altitude vineyards to have more freshness. They reduced the amount of new barrique (55%) and increased the use of foudre (45%) for the élevage of the 2019 Macán. It fermented in stainless steel with 10% of their own yeasts. It has a moderate 14% alcohol, mellow acidity and good freshness and balance. 2019 was a dry and warm year when they did a soft vinification to avoid harsh tannins. The wine is very powerful and dense, with a big structure and plenty of tannins. The oak is still noticeable in the aromatics. Give it some more time in bottle, and enjoy with powerful food. 87,377 bottles, 2,583 magnums and some larger formats produced. It was bottled in August 2021.



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