

Encrucijada 2021

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Ruby red with a touch of garnet, reflecting its youthful vibrancy and potential for evolution.
- **Aromas:** A bouquet of **violets**, **rose petals**, and hints of **red cherries**, layered with subtle earthy and mineral undertones.
- **Palate:** Elegant and fresh, showcasing flavors of **raspberry**, **cranberry**, and a whisper of **graphite**. Its vibrant acidity and fine tannic structure lead to a long, mineral-driven finish.

Did you know?

The vineyard's name, **Encrucijada**, meaning "crossroads," symbolizes the turning point for Michelini i Mufatto in 2016 when they decided to stay in Bierzo and cultivate this plot, which had been abandoned for four years. This decision marked the beginning of their profound connection with the region.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary and thyme:** Enhances the wine's herbal and earthy nuances.
- **Stuffed bell peppers with quinoa and goat cheese:** Matches the wine's vibrant acidity and floral notes.
- **Wild mushroom and truffle risotto:** Complements the wine's minerality and fine tannins.
- **Manchego cheese with fig compote:** Balances the wine's freshness and subtle fruitiness.



Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2021)

All of the wines from 2021 have considerably less alcohol than the counterparts from 2020, reflecting the much cooler condition of the year. The 2021 Encrucijada has a moderate 12% alcohol and retained very good acidity. It's perfumed and elegant; the plants are happier after being recovered from being abandoned, and the cool vintage lifted the wine up. It's fresh, tightly wound, very tasty and fine, with elegant tannins. It has to be the most elegant and balanced vintage of Encrucijada so far. 1,700 bottles were filled in October 2022.

