

JAVIER SAN PEDRO ORTEGA

The Cantabrian foothills of Rioja Alavesa, where Javier sources much of his fruit



Cueva de Lobos Tinto Joven 2021

Rioja DOC, Spain

ESTATE

Javier San Pedro Ortega is a fifth-generation farmer and winemaker in Laguardia, the Rioja Alavesa's most emblematic village. Rather than wait to take the reins of his family's winery, he decided in 2014 to strike out on his own with nothing more than a bank loan and some inherited vineyards. The status and pedigree of his wines were quickly recognized, with some calling him "destined to become one of the great Rioja winemakers." (Ferran Centelles, JancisRobinson.com)

WINE

The Cueva de Lobos Tinto Joven is a 100% Tempranillo made without superfluous details or unnecessary weight. The bright and clean profile comes from simple winemaking in stainless steel tanks, allowing the purity of the fruit to shine.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Tempranillo

Vineyard: The vineyards are sourced largely in Rioja Alavesa, near the Sierra de Cantabrian Mountains. Average vine age is around 20 years.

Winemaking: Destemmed before fermentation and aging in stainless steel

Alcohol: 14%

VINTAGE

A cool but also dry year, with even and balanced ripening. September rain provided relief to most parts of Rioja.

TASTING NOTE

Joyous red fruit of fresh raspberries and cherries, gently melded with loamy earth