

Special focus on: Alvaro Palacios

2017 La Montesa Crianza | Rioja Oriental, Spain

La Montesa is a blend of 95% Garnacha and 5% other local red grapes. Elegant and floral with notes of cherry, raspberry and orange peel that meld with Mediterranean herb undertones to create a wine that is balanced, bright and lively. This is a different style of Rioja, with focus on elegance and finesse and an almost Pinot-esque character.

Wine Details

Vintage	Packaging	Agency Price	1/2 Pallet Price	Pallet Price
2017	12x75	IB £8.22	IB £7.72	IB £7.47



LUIS GUITÉRREZ SAYS...

The 2017 La Montesa is mostly Garnacha with some 8% other red varieties and comes from a warm and dry year that saw a very early harvest, up to 20 days earlier than usual. It fermented in stainless steel and matured in barrique for 12 months. It feels very Mediterranean, with notes of Mediterranean herbs and ripe berries. It's juicy and lush, round and very pleasant, easy to drink. 670,000 bottles produced and will be labelled organic, very remarkable for such volume. It was bottled in May 2019.



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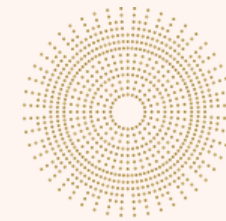
About Palacios Remondo

Palacios Remondo is a family-owned winery based in Alfaro, in Rioja Oriental, the warmest and most easterly part of the Rioja appellation. The soils here are silty and alluvial and the semi-arid Mediterranean climate is well-suited to growing Garnacha, a variety that is finally coming back into the foreground in this region, after decades of being supplanted by the more popular Tempranillo.

After making his name in Priorat and Bierzo, Álvaro Palacios returned to his

ancestral home in Rioja and took over the winemaking reins at Palacios Remondo. Álvaro is one of the high-profile winemakers (along with Telmo Rodriguez) determined to champion Garnacha, particularly from old bush vines. The organically-farmed La Montesa vineyard is testament to what this variety is capable of, in the right hands. Situated on the hillsides of Monte Yerga, this vineyard produces fragrant and aromatically-intense wines, with a lightness that is often Pinot-esque.

Palacios Remondo produces the only white wine of the three properties, Plácet de Valtomelloso, which is an elegant and lightly oaked Viura, fermented and aged in large old foudres.



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