

# Pagos de Viña Real

• 90 points Parker Wine Advocate

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**Name of Wine:** PAGOS DE VIÑA REAL  
**Type of Wine:** Red  
**Region of Production:** Rioja  
**Year:** 2002  
**Vintage Rating:** Good  
**Grape Varieties:** 100% Tempranillo

**Bottle Type:** Burgundy  
**Case / Bottle Size:** Bottles 75 cl and 1.5l

**Alcoholic Volume:** 13, 9%  
**Total Acidity:** 5.8  
**pH:** 3.56  
**Volatile Acidity:** 0.64  
**SO2 Free / Total:** 25/70 ppm

## WINEMAKING

The grapes are entirely from our own vineyard plots around the new Viña Real Winery between Laguardia and Logroño. Grapes are specifically selected firstly in the vineyard, followed by a table selection in the winery to give us the high quality fruit for this special wine. The grapes are only Tempranillo, brought to the winery in small plastic boxes, and fermented in small oak vats, to give us optimum control over the fermentation. Malolactic fermentation is carried out in small, new french oak 225 litre casks, to give Pagos de Viña Real its specific personality.

## VINTAGE / HARVEST DESCRIPTION

Autumn was dry with heavy frosts in December. There was beneficial rain following bud burst, and by mid June, all Rioja was in flower. Summer was cool, and in the main, yield per vine was low, so despite relatively wet months of August and September, the vines were able to mature their fruit well.

Overall quite a wet year, with 409 litres rainfall, but balanced by 1650 sunlight hours.

## TASTING NOTE

Bright, lively cherry red, with subtle hints of youthful violet. Wonderful aromatic intensity, dominated by ripe, dark fruit, sloes and brambles with some woodland berries. There is also a light toasty note with some elegant balsamic undertones from the barrel maturation. It is full and powerful in the palate, with ripe, fine tannins, which will hold the wine in balance for many years. It is complex and full, balanced and elegant, a supreme expression of Tempranillo and Rioja Alavesa.



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