



## VELÁZQUEZ 2011

The sixth edition of the Spanish Artist Collection pays homage to the Baroque painter, Diego Velázquez. Just as the artist's tenebrism style, this wine is dominated by the darkness of the black fruit and it stands out for its unique depth. Velázquez is acclaimed to be one of the best painters in history and this wine might be one of the best ones in our collection.

**VINEYARD:** 20 to 60 years-old vines mostly planted in Fuenmayor, Rioja Alta, and in a minor quantity, in Laguardia and Lapuebla, Rioja Alavesa.

VARIETY: 100% Tempranillo.

**AGEING:** 20 months in New French oak barrels plus 3 months in French oak (Allier) foudres of 22 HL.

**TASTING NOTES:** Deep red in color with dark violet brush strokes in the background. The nose is dominated by a dark and earthy palette of aromas, where the black fruit is the main protagonist and it is decorated with balsamic, minerals, cacao and smoky notes. Intense and rich entry. The tannins are very fine, it is long with a distinguished plum and chocolate aftertaste. It has the structure to age.

**FOOD PAIRING:** This wine pairs nicely with smoked meats or meat cooked on fire, like the typical baby lamb chops of Rioja. Also, with truffle and/or cheese-based recipes.

## **ACCOLADES & AWARDS:**

**94 POINTS** Peñín Guide 2022

**◆ 94 POINTS** Tim Atkin 2022 Rioja Report

SERVICE: 14°C, open 30 minutes before drinking.

ALCOHOL: 14 % VEGAN WINE



