

EPU

2021

ELABORADO POR

Almaviva

Vintage Notes

After a long period of drought during the previous cycle, the rain came back in winter to initiate the vintage 2021 with excellent auspices. The rainfall of 170 mm registered between May and August 2020 was almost 3 times more than the year before, although lower than the historical average of 267 mm. The following months were completely dry, until it rained unexpectedly at the end of January 2021, with 54 mm of rainfall at mid-*veraison*. We did not have, fortunately, any new rain until the end of the harvest.

Spring was warm, with budding and flowering occurring 5-7 days earlier than average. Then, summer was cool, especially after the unexpected rain in January. The average summer temperature was 1°C lower than average, and 1.5°C lower than 2020.

The January rain was key to homogenising the ripening process of the grapes, above all after a heterogeneous flowering and fruit set. Although the date of the first stages could have hinted at an early harvest, the picking operations started on 24 March at a normal date, slowly at the beginning, to suddenly increase its pace the second week of April and finally end earlier than usual, on 30 April in Puente Alto, and 14 May at Peumo.

The cooler conditions from January to harvest generated an optimal ripening process, great fruit and freshness in the grapes, tension, length, and perfect balance in the wines. An exceptional and unique vintage with great freshness and outstanding expression of Cabernet Sauvignon.

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Tasting Notes

Brilliant, attractive ruby red.

The nose is fresh, pleasant and elegant, with aromas of cassis, cherry, blackberry and fig, dominating a delicate fragrance of vanilla, tea and earthiness.

In the mouth, the attack is supple and round, well balanced between the crunchy red fruit and a silky tannic structure. EPU 2021 is a faithful expression of the terroir of Puente Alto in a cooler vintage than average, remarkable for its freshness and balance.

This delicious and generous wine is the perfect introduction to the exclusive and harmonious world of Almaviva.

Assemblage

Cabernet Sauvignon: 80 %
Carménère: 15 %
Merlot: 5 %

Barrel Ageing: 12 Months, French Oak.

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