

2021 CELESTE CRIANZA, DO RIBERA DEL DUERO

WINERY

Pago del Cielo Winery, founded by the Torres family in 2004, spans the prestigious regions of Ribera del Duero and Rueda. With a focus on crafting modern, elegant wines, the winery benefits from high-altitude vineyards in Ribera del Duero that enhance the aromatic intensity of their reds. Led by Winemaker Juan Ramón García, Pago del Cielo combines tradition, quality, and a passion for Tempranillo grown in the unique terroir of DO Ribera del Duero.

WINE

Celeste Crianza was the first Spanish wine produced by the Torres family outside of Catalonia. Celeste is born 895 meters (2,937 feet) above sea level, where the vines and the sky form a magical connection, resulting in a wine filled with the freshness, emotion, and intensity of a starry night. Large diurnal temperature ranges and cool mountainous winds in DO Ribera del Duero contribute to perfectly ripened Tinto Fino (Tempranillo).

VINEYARDS

The winery is in the Fompedraza region, located in the mid-eastern part of the Duero River Valley, near the town of Fompedraza and the Durantón River. The vineyards in the area have gentle hills with high plateaus and narrow valleys.

Celeste Crianza is made from the best parcels in Ribera del Duero. The predominant soil type is grey limestone interspersed with marl, with other plots are heavier in clay. The soils that formed on top of these materials tend to exhibit medium to fine textures and are very rich in carbonate.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2021 vintage was a normal year in terms of rainfall, although the summer was dry. At the beginning of the year, an extratropical cyclone swept through, bringing abundant snowfall and a period of intense frost. In terms of temperature, February was warmer than usual, as was August, but the rest of the year fell within normal range.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation is conducted in stainless steel tanks under temperature control with maceration for 15-20 days. Malolactic fermentation is carried out partly in new barrels, with aging on lees for 2 months. Aging is conducted in a mixture of French and American oak barrels, followed by a minimum of 12 months bottle aging before release.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Celeste Crianza has a dark cherry red color. The nose offers fruit aromas like blueberry jam, as well as notes of cocoa, dried plum, and spices such as vanilla and pink peppercorn. It is light, silky, and supple on the palate.

VINEYARD

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* PAGO DEL CIELO

Region:	Castilla y Leon
Appellation:	Ribera del Duero
Soil:	Grey limestone, marl and clay
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable; solar; regeneratively farmed

WINEMAKING

Varietals:		
Aging:		

12 months in 55% French and 45% American oak (17% new barrels); then aged a minimum of 12 months in bottle before release

Tinto Fino (Tempranillo)

TECHNICAL DETAIL

Alcohol:	14%
Total Acidity:	5 g/L
Residual Sugar:	0.5 g/L
pH:	3.7

