

Rioja Vega Colección Tempranillo Blanco 2017

BEST WHITE WINE FROM RIOJA **Rioja Masters**

December 2018. **Rioja Vega Colección Tempranillo Blanco 2017** is the **BEST WHITE WINE FROM RIOJA** *Rioja Masters Awards*.

With the only **Gold Medal** in its category, *Rioja Vega Colección Tempranillo Blanco 2017* has been unanimously appointed **Best White Wine from Rioja** by the tasting panel of the awards launched by British *The Drinks Business* magazine.

In the extensive article “*The Best Wines of the Rioja Masters 2018*” published in its *December Spain Report*, the director of the tastings and *Master of Wine*, Patrick Schmitt, highlights the exceptional quality of this Tempranillo Blanco:

“I, for one, wasn’t sure it (the Tempranillo Blanco grape variety) could make a lovely and complex balanced white as a monovarietal offering. Having blind-tasted Rioja Vega’s Tempranillo Blanco Colección, however, I now know it can. This gently aromatic, slightly peachy wine, packed with citrus and cream – the latter from a touch of barrel ageing – is an exciting find in the world of Spanish whites, and was awarded a Gold from all the judges. It also provided much-needed refreshment after the day’s tasting was over, thanks to its breadth and brightness”.

A single tiny vineyard which yields high-quality grapes of a rare variety is all what it takes to make *Rioja Vega Colección Tempranillo Blanco* an exceptional wine. This estate has advocated since its very foundation in 1882 for terroir as the authentic winemaker of its wines, a belief that has translated into tremendous success. Some of the most recent awards is *Rioja Masters 2018*’s election as **Best White Wine from Rioja** and, already back in May, *Mundus Vini* wine contest’s selection of **Rioja Vega Colección Tempranillo Blanco 2017** as **BEST WHITE WINE FROM SPAIN**.

The same premise of deepest respect for the vineyard has brought other Rioja Vega wines excellent marks and critics from the *Rioja Masters*. For instance, **Rioja Vega 135 Aniversario Reserva 2011** has been selected **MASTER** in the category of **Vinos de Autor** (RRP £30-£50), the highest score awarded by the tasting panel, those wines that receive **95 points or more**. Only a total of nine references have deserved the Master qualification among hundreds of wines submitted to the contest.

But also Rioja Vega’s Joven and Crianza wines have been selected as best in their categories. *Rioja Vega GyG 2017*, for example, is **Best Vino Joven from from Rioja** (under £10) with a **Gold Medal**, the only one in its class. And *Rioja Vega Crianza 2015* has received a **Gold Medal** and is placed among the five best Rioja Crianzas.

