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ERMITA DEL CONDE WINES

Ermita del Conde	Pago del Conde Tempranillo	2012	Vino de la Tierra Castilla y León	2020-11-07	2020 - 2032	17
Ermita del Conde	Albillo Mayor	2016	Vino de la Tierra Castilla y León	2020-11-07	2020 - 2025	16.5 +
Ermita del Conde	Paraje de San Roque Tempranillo	2016	Vino de la Tierra Castilla y León	2020-11-07	2020 - 2032	16.5
Ermita del Conde	Tempranillo/Albillo Mayor	2016	Vino de la Tierra Castilla y León	2020-11-07	2021 - 2027	16 +
Ermita del Conde	Tempranillo	2016	Vino de la Tierra Castilla y León	2020-11-07	2021 - 2030	16.5 +

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The fruit for this also came from the Paraje de San Roque, in this case the vines, more than 100 years old, are at 1,012 m. Iron-rich and clay soil. Aged for 24 months in new French barrels.

Dark garnet colour. Very sweet and sumptuous. Very well made with gentle tannins and great combination of ripe, spicy fruit and marked but not excessive freshness. You're aware there's some oak influence here but it's very mild. Savoury and appetising. Much friendlier than many wines labelled Ribera del Duero.

Ermita del Conde	Albillo Mayor	2016	Vino de la Tierra Castilla y León	2020-11-07	2020 - 2025	16.5 +
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100-year-old vines of an indigenous variety once threatened by extinction. From their north-facing Paraje La Pilara and Camino de Alcoba vineyards in the extreme north-east of the Duero valley on limestone, clay and rocky soils at 972 m elevation. Aged for 12 months in French barrels and foudres.

Light nose of liquid honey with some steeliness. Lots of green-apple acidity and freshness and no obvious oak flavour at all – but then it is already four years old! Still quite youthful with light grip on the finish. Really very fine and youthful.

Ermita del Conde	Paraje de San Roque Tempranillo	2016	Vino de la Tierra Castilla y León	2020-11-07	2020 - 2032	16.5
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From 19 micro-plots. Ungrafted centenarian vines: 75% Tempranillo, 20% Albillo and 5% Bobal facing south at 1,006 and 1,012 m on ferrous clay soil, with limestone at a depth of 1.2 m. Aged for 24 months in 2,500-litre foudres.

Deep crimson. Sweet, luscious nose and fruit on the palate with much less obvious tannins than in the two less-expensive 2016 reds from this producer, thanks to the fruit concentration. Firm savoury Tempranillo nose with real energy and a certain polished leather quality in terms of flavour. Definitely needs food! But it's very refreshing.

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From their youngest – 12- to 15-year-old – Tempranillo (80%) and Albillo Mayor (20%) vines at 967 m divided in seven different plots with fragmented limestone rock on the surface. Vines need to dig deep for water and nutrients in a very poor soil. The yields are quite low, but the grapes are concentrated. Aged for 10 months in French and American barrels.

Deep crimson. Warm, spicy, well-integrated nose. Sleek, sweet fruit and marked high-elevation freshness with fine tannins. Hint of orange zest. No hurry to drink this! Ripe fruit.

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South-facing and south-west-facing vines more than 60 years old in Paraje Otero at Valdiguél at 943 m on limestone and clay. Aged for 18 months in French barrels.

Deep crimson. Looks slightly younger than four years old. Mellow nose of ripe savoury fruit with a rich creaminess on the front palate and lots of vigorous, grippy tannin on the finish. Marked acidity suggests this will have a long life.