



## GÓMEZ CRUZADO

### CERRO LAS CUEVAS 2018

**GÓMEZ CRUZADO** || Founded in 1886, in the heart of Haro's Barrio de la Estación, Gómez Cruzado is a historic cellar and one of only sixteen "Bodegas Centenarias" in all of Rioja. Gómez Cruzado is a unique boutique winery that blends a profound respect for Haro's heritage of fine wines with an unflagging quest for the purest expression of terroir. The heart of the wines is in the vineyards, a mix of almost 100 different supervised plots across three well-defined regions:

**RIOJA** || Rioja was the first Spanish wine region to obtain DO status, in 1925. In 1991, it was promoted to DOCa (Qualified Designation of Origin), a higher category reserved for wines maintaining a proven consistency and quality over a long period of time. Rioja has three distinct subregions (Alavesa, Alta & Baja) as well as stylistic diversity ranging from the traditional oxidative wines to the full throttle modern style.

#### TERROIR SELECTION || CERRO LAS CUEVAS 2018

**BLEND** | 80% Tempranillo, 12% Graciano, 5% Garnacha, & 3% Mazuelo

**VINEYARDS** | Cerro las Cuevas is the name of an isolated expanse near the town of Ollauri, where the vineyards for this wine are found. Grapes come from two specific estate vineyards in Ollauri: "Las Laderas" and "Calitrancos", where the vines date back 90 years and grow in a very narrow area on a steep slope of limestone soils, sandier in "Calitrancos" and pebblier in "Las Laderas."

**WINEMAKING** | Malolactic fermentation and subsequent aging of 12 months in French oak foudre.

**PRESS** | 95 WA

"The Pancrudo Garnacha was a hard act to follow, but the 2018 Cerro Las Cuevas, their "Selección Terroir" produced with a blend of 80% Tempranillo, 12% Graciano, 5% Garnacha and 3% Mazuelo from two ancient and beautiful vineyards in Ollauri, was able to keep it up. It's elegant and perfumed, mixing notes of flowers, wild berries and herbs with transparent oak. On the palate, the tannins are very fine and provide a chalky texture, the flavors are clean and pure, and there is a nice sense of harmony. This is also superb." - Luis Gutierrez

