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Marqués de Cáceres

# GAUDIUM

Great red wine, exclusively produced in excellent vintages from very old vineyards.

## GRAPE VARIETIES

100 % Tempranillo.



2018

D.O.Ca. Rioja



## OENOLOGISTS

Fernando Costa, Emilio González & Manuel Iribarnegaray.

## 2018 VINTAGE

2018 was a year of abundant rainfall throughout the winter and spring, providing sufficient water levels guaranteeing a healthy growth pattern in the midst of a particularly hot, dry summer.

## VINEYARDS AND YIELDS

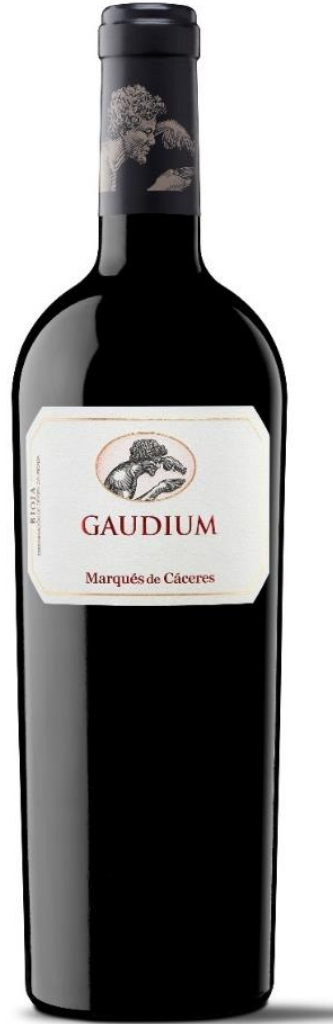
Small old vines over 70 years old, some of them pre-phyloxera vines over 100 years old. Yields of less than 1 kg of grapes per plant. Plots are staggered at various altitudes, ranging between 400 and 650 m in Rioja Alta and in terraces up to 740 m in Rioja Alavesa.

## HARVESTING

The grapes are hand-picked in 15 kg boxes, in small batches according to each small vineyard. The grapes are cooled in cold chambers for a few hours and then carefully sorted by hand cluster by cluster on a sorting table.

## SOILS

Clayey-limestone soils on limestone rock. Steep ravines that are only used for the cultivation of small vineyards.



LIMITED PRODUCTION

## VINIFICATION

Gravity vatting, no pumping over. Slow whole-grain alcoholic fermentation in small stainless steel tanks and wooden vats with indigenous yeast. Prolonged maceration, but avoiding over-extraction. Malo-lactic fermentation in French oak barrels. All movements by gravity and with the utmost care.

## TOTAL TIME IN BARREL

18 months minimum in new barrels of fine-grained and extra-fine French oak, selected from the best forests, finished with a respectful medium toasting. In this vintage, 125 new French oak barrels were used.

## AGEING IN BOTTLE

2 years minimum before the launch date.

## LAUNCH MARKET

November 2022.

Serve at: 15°C.

Alcohol content: 14,5%.

## TASTING NOTES

Intense burgundy colour, with dark highlights. On the nose it reveals depth, complexity, intensity and a spectrum of aromas that unfold in the glass. It leaves sensations of toasted and roasted notes which blend with luscious black fruit and complex spicy flavours. A powerful palate, where the elegance of smooth tannins, with toasted notes and enveloping fruit are harmoniously expressed. A signature wine of great character, whose distinctive elegance has earned its international acknowledgement for excellence.



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