

## BODEGAS



Castilla y Leon

Mauro is located in the Duero river valley at Tudela, a few miles to the east of the city of Valladolid. Due to geographical location and local politics, Mauro does not qualify for the Ribera del Duero DO. No matter, the wine has established a world wide reputation for quality in a contemporary style... rather like the "Super Tuscan" reds from Italy.

Mauro was created in the 1970's by Luciano Suarez, an architect, specialised in the restoration of medieval monuments, and Felix Choque, cousin of Mariano Garcia, the former winemaker at Vega Sicilia. Mariano has always been the spiritual force behind the winery, although day-to-day winemaking (as well as ownership) has passed into the capable hands of his sons.

Many of the vines are 60 or more years old now. Vinification and ageing is in the classic French manner with maturation in new or 1 year old French and American oak casks. Further ageing takes place in bottle before release after at least three years.

Each year, Mauro wines share a dark rich colour, a gorgeous bouquet showing great class, and a perfect balance between the oak and rich black fruit. On the palate they have a smooth style, silky texture and the distinction to rival a great Bordeaux Classified Growth.

The majority of the vineyards are on north facing slopes at 780 meters above sea level, on the left bank of the Duero river near the village of Santibanez. Others including Terreus, are located on the right bank near Tudela. Located just outside the border of Ribera del Duero, Bodegas Mauro must settle for the more generic DO of Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y Leon. However, climatic influences are the same and studies show the soil to be on a par with the very best found in the Ribera del Duero.

Vina de la Tierra is typically 90% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) and 10% Syrah with an annual production of 20,000 cases. Vendimia Seleccionada and Terreus are entirely Tinto Fino with Vendimia Seleccionada at less than 10% of production (aprox. 1,600 cases annually). Terreus is only produced in exceptional years.

### **Mauro Vendimia Seleccionada, Castilla y Leon 1997**

*The opaque purple-colored 1997 Vendimia Seleccionada exhibits superb black and blueberry fruit, a long, full-bodied, sumptuous palate, and great purity, ripeness, and intensity. More evolved than its younger sibling, drink it over the next 10-12 years.*

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### **Mauro Vina de la Tierra Tinto, Castilla y Leon 2004**

*The 2004 Crianza, from what appears to be a great vintage, is opaque purple in appearance. It emits scintillating aromas of smoke, toast, herbs, kirsch, and black fruits. It is a full-bodied, large-scaled effort with oodles of fruit and enough structure to age effortlessly for 6-8 years and drink well for a decade thereafter.*

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### **Mauro Vina de la Tierra Tinto, Castilla y Leon 2007**

*The 2007 Mauro is composed of 85% Tempranillo and 15% Syrah. Purple-colored with an alluring nose of smoke, pencil lead, mineral, violets, and black cherry, on the palate it reveals an elegant personality, layered sweet fruit, good balance, and 1-2 years of aging potential. . Enjoy this tasty offering from 2012 to 2022.*

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