



Located in Spain's northeast province of Zaragoza, 200 miles to the west of Barcelona, DO Campo de Borja is physically a continuation of southern Navarra, south of the River Ebro. It is an area rich in winemaking history which, like several other lesser known DO regions in Spain, has weathered serious hardships but is now poised to emerge as a region for quality Spanish wines.

The rugged, mountainous area is bordered by the snow-capped mountains of the Sierra del Moncayo, and the vineyard sites that line these are situated between 350 and 700m in altitude. This is a very favourable condition for growing extremely ripe grapes in a dry environment free of rot or pests. It is also an area marked by an extreme continental climate, with widely contrasting day/night temperatures and scarce rainfall at below 400mm/year. This dynamic is critical for developing ripe grape skins with aromatic flavour, complexity and structure. Soils are poor, composed of brown, limey, calcareous, sandy limestone soil that is well-drained and porous (allowing air access to the vine's rootstocks), and rich in organic matter and nutrients. The soils near the Moncayo range contain more clay, ferrous minerals and stones. 75% of DO Campo de Borja red wine production is made from Garnacha.

The Santo Cristo coop was founded in 1956 and is now one of the best in Spain, with modern equipment and dynamic young winemakers. There are 900 hectares of vineyards and 700 member growers. Prime vineyards cover terraces along the River Huecha and the Plasencia Plateau, in an area designated as the Somontano de Moncayo. Significant recent investment in vineyard management and new technology has provided Bodegas Santo Cristo with the necessary equipment and modern installations, with over 780 Bordeaux casks of American oak, to produce excellent quality, modern, stylish wines which are becoming highly regarded in international markets.



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