

# 2012 MIGUEL MERINO MAZUELO DE LA QUINTA CRUZ

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## BODEGAS MIGUEL MERINO MAZUELO, RIOJA, SPAIN



### THE WINE:

A very rare non-tempranillo based wine from Rioja, this 100% Mazuelo (Carignane) was made by Miguel Merino Sr. The total production was less than 4,000 bottles. The vineyard has perfect sun exposure and is located in a warm micro-pocket allowing for the late ripening Mazuelo to reach full maturity. Aged for 10 months in 50% French and 50% American oak.

### THE ESTATE:

Bodegas Miguel Merino was formed in 1994 when wine exporter Miguel Merino fulfilled his dream of having a small cellar where only the very best wine of Rioja would be hand crafted in small bottles. The winery and vineyard are located in Briones, a small village in the Rioja Alta sub region of Rioja where the Tempranillo vines thrive and some of Spain's greatest red wines are born. Today the winery produces only 40,000 batches per year with six different wines. Miguel follows the old theory that "It is easy to obtain a mediocre wine from great strains, but it is impossible to create a great wine with bad grapes." with this in mind the vineyards are all older properties grown with minimal interference and done with a deep respect for nature.

### TASTING NOTES:

**Color:** rustic ruby with hints of brick red

**Aromas:** red berries, crushed cherry, and hints of dried flowers

**Flavor & Texture:** brambly with juicy red berries mingle with subtle spice and candlebox

**Food Pairing:** the classic Spanish tapas called *Patatas Bravas*

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