

## El Cuidador Tempranillo 2020

<b>Grape Variety:</b>	<b>Tempranillo</b>
<b>Region:</b>	<b>Rioja</b>
<b>Closure:</b>	<b>Screwcap</b>
<b>Alcohol:</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
<b>Pack Size:</b>	<b>6 Bottle Pack</b>



**Summary:** El Cuidador is a personal project between longstanding friends Javier Muria and Nicholas Crampton with the aim to create modern site specific organic and sustainable wines. These wines typify the modern Spanish attitude to winemaking – fresh and vibrant wines made with care and with attention to organic viticulture turning out delicious food friendly reds that are true to their variety.

**Vineyards:** Sourced from established organic vineyards in the historic Rioja region.

**Winemaking:** Totally de-stemmed with a short cold soak before a long, cool fermentation with daily pump - overs to achieve optimum fruit and colour. The core of the blend was aged in stainless steel before six months maturation in seasoned French and American oak.

**Vintage 2020:** A poor start to the growing season saw adverse weather affect the region but luckily this cleared up in the second half of the vintage when cooler temperatures arrived. Three major storms including hail threatened to cause widespread mildew to the vines, thankfully warmer weather eradicated the threat and an early heatwave prompted earlier than usual picking times. Despite the adverse conditions, quality was excellent with great concentration of flavour.

**Tasting Note:** A textbook Tempranillo that is organic, juicy and full of flavour. Lots of vibrant fruit with a savoury complexity that makes it super drinkable. It finishes with dusty tannins and cleansing acidity. Pair with slow roasted lamb shoulder.