



Ribera del Duero

Bodegas Vizcarra Ramos

Winery Info Sheet



Proprietor: Founded by Juan Carlos Vizcarra in 1991, owning 64 acres (26 hectares) of vineyards in the town of Mambrilla and Roa.

Winemaker / Vineyard Manager: Juan Carlos Vizcarra.

Location: Located in Zone 2 within the province of Burgos in the town of Mambrilla, (eastern sub-region of Ribera del Duero) at an altitude of 2,785 ft. (849 m).

Wines Made: Vizcarra Roble, J.C. Vizcarra, Vizcarra Crianza, Torralvo, Celia, and Ines.

Climate: Continental climate (Zone 2) cold nights and hot days with moderately low levels of rainfall. The Burgos sub-region has a cooler climate at this higher altitude wines produced here are usually darker, more concentrated and aromatic than wines made in the western part of Ribera del Duero. Higher in altitude than Rueda and Toro thus Mambrilla has lower temperatures averaging 60.5° F from April to October with 10.3 inches of rainfall. The continental climate provides a long ripening period resulting in wines with more complexity and greater aromatic intensity. The temperatures at Vizcarra's vineyards are warmer than the neighboring producers of Torremorón and cooler than Mibal and Avan. Harvest usually commences the first week of October and finishes by Oct 15th.

Soils: Composed of clay and limestone topsoil and gravel subsoil providing good water storage. This soil profile provides good levels of fertility, organic material and water storage. In order to offset undesired high crops; Juan Carlos Vizcarra reduces yields by thinning grape clusters from 20 to 8 per vine. He further reduces yields and vigor by planting green foliage around the vines to absorb otherwise excessive water and soil nutrients thus maximizes fruit intensity and concentration.

What makes Vizcarra wines unique? 1) Juan Carlos Vizcarra passionate commitment as reflected in his all wines, possessing elegance and complexity. 2) He is one of the few true pioneers of small production "garage" winemaking in Ribera del Duero.



There are 45,876 acres of vineyard land in Ribera del Duero.



Juan Carlos Vizcarra

Harvest Dates:

- 2003 = Oct 4th - Oct 14th (Hot Vintage)
- 2004 = Oct 6th - Oct 16th (Cool Vintage)
- 2005 = Sept 26th - Oct 8th (Dry Vintage)

BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

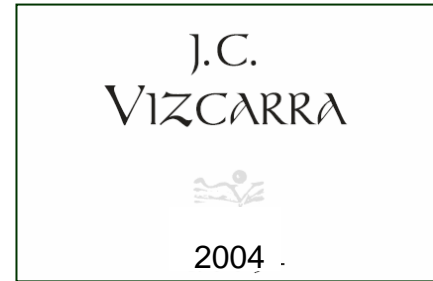
NAME OF VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES	GRAPES	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
SENDA DE ORO	25	10-15	TEMPRANILLO	CLAY, LIMESTONE / GRAVEL	2,785 ft	3%
CARRASCAL	10	30	TEMPRANILLO	CLAY, LIMESTONE / GRAVEL	2,785 ft	3%
LOS BARRILES	5	30	TEMPRANILLO	CLAY, LIMESTONE / GRAVEL	2,785 ft	3%
EL ORO	5	30	TEMPRANILLO	CLAY, LIMESTONE / GRAVEL	2,785 ft	3%
TORRALVO	5	80	TEMPRANILLO	CLAY, LIMESTONE / GRAVEL	2,785 ft	3%



Ribera del Duero Vizcarra



Name of Wine: Vizcarra Roble 2005
Producer: Bodegas Vizcarra Ramos
DO: Ribera del Duero (Zone # 2)
Grape Varietal: 100% Tempranillo
Production: 3,000 Cases made – 1,000 for the U.S.
Wine Maker: Juan Carlos Vizcarra
Ageing: 6 Months in French Oak Barrels
Notes:



Name of Wine: JC Vizcarra 2004
Producer: Bodegas Vizcarra Ramos
DO: Ribera del Duero (Zone # 2)
Grape Varietal: 100% Tempranillo
Production: 1,500 Cases made – 750 for the U.S.
Wine Maker: Juan Carlos Vizcarra
Ageing: 9 Months in French and American Oak Barrels
Notes:

Vizcarra Roble 2005 IWC **88+ pts**

Deep ruby. Pungent, floral, spicy aromas of cassis and espresso. Quite primary now, with concentrated dark berry flavors tinged by bitter chocolate and espresso. Brisk, peppery finish shows a light tarry nuance. It's early days for this wine. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006



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Name of Wine: Vizcarra Torralvo 2003

Producer: Bodegas Vizcarra Ramos

DO: Ribera del Duero (Zone # 2)

Grape Varietal: 100% Tempranillo

Production: 550 Cases made – 100 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Juan Carlos Vizcarra

Ageing: 14 Months in French Oak Barrels

Notes:



Name of Wine: Celia Vizcarra 2004

Producer: Bodegas Vizcarra Ramos

DO: Ribera del Duero (Zone # 2)

Grape Varietal: 100% Tempranillo

Production: 160 Cases made – 20 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Juan Carlos Vizcarra

Ageing: 18 Months in French Oak Barrels (500 lit)

Notes:

Celia 2004 IWC 93 pts

Deep ruby. Potent aromas of cassis, cherry liqueur, redcurrant, exotic spices, iron and graphite. Incredibly deep, powerfully structured wine with sweet red and dark fruit flavors laced with espresso, violet, cola, vanilla bean and white pepper. For all its concentration this comes across as almost racy, with wonderful lift and vibrancy from bright, juicy acids. On the back end, the deep, sappy blackcurrant and blueberry flavors refuse to quit. There are 160 cases of this knockout for the world, 20 of them for the U.S. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006

Previous Ratings:

2003 Vintage: 93 pts by Robert Parker June 2005



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Name of Wine: Ines Vizcarra 2004

Producer: Bodegas Vizcarra Ramos

DO: Ribera del Duero (Zone # 2)

Grape Varietal: 100% Tempranillo

Production: 350 Cases made – 20 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Juan Carlos Vizcarra

Ageing: 15 Months in French Oak Barrels (500 lit)

Notes:

Ines 2004 IWC 93 pts

Just 20 cases imported. Ruby-red. At once broad and incisive on the nose, offering a sexy bouquet of wild strawberry, redcurrant and blackberry, complicated by minerals, fresh flowers, cinnamon and suave oak spices. Deep, round and silky, with sweet, highly concentrated red fruit flavors reminiscent of a great pinot noir. Lively minerality and spices add complexity. A wonderfully graceful wine with restrained power and exceptional balance, not to mention a finish that won't let up. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006