

## Flaco Merlot



Flaco Merlot, a stunning value that is produced from estate own grapes near the town of Toledo, central Spain, 60 miles south of Madrid. The winery and vineyards were started in 2001 and are home to vast vineyards and stunning facilities. The Malpica estate is today's largest vineyard in Europe with 2,500 acres of vineyard land with an additional 1,500 acres to be planted in the coming years. The large size of this vineyard and the fact that they are owned by the same family, allows for great attention to quality in addition to great economies of scale. These vineyards located near Toledo are suited for growing high quality grapes. The lack of humidity and cold night temperatures produced consistently healthy balanced grapes.

**WHAT MAKES THIS WINE UNIQUE?:** Produced from estate owned grapes. Flaco Merlot is made in Europe's largest vineyard (Malpica). The large size of this vineyard and the fact that they are owned by the same family, allows for great attention to quality in addition to great economies of scale.

**GRAPE:** 100% Merlot. Vines planted in 2001. Tended in clay soil at 380 m (1,246 ft) elevation

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Flaco Merlot pairs really well with pizza and other toasted cheese dishes such as panini and quesadillas. It also pairs well with pasta dishes with tomato-based sauces, especially with pancetta/bacon or mushrooms.

**VINIFICATION AND AGING:** Vinified at controlled temperatures of no more than 23C / 73F, with maceration during first stage of fermentation to extract color, aromas, and flavors. After 12 days the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation and then it spends 3 months of oak ageing before bottling.

**PRODUCTION:** 20,000 cases

Vino de la Tierra de Castilla



**LOCATION, SOIL, CLIMATE:** Located near the Town of Toledo, central Spain at 380m (1246 ft) elevation. Tended in clay soil. The continental climate of this territory brings about cold nights and hot days; it is relatively dry allowing grapes to ripen well without any threats of humidity related deceases. The average temperature between April and October is 21C. (70F.) with 393 mm (15.5") of yearly rainfall.

**TASTING NOTES** Flaco Merlot delivers a bright, fruit-driven wine with aromas of plum, cranberry and cedar. Ripe berry and cherry flavors mingle on the palate with warm cinnamon, nutmeg spice, and a subtle note of oak. With its easy tannins and good fruit-acidity balance, this Merlot will complement a wide variety of foods.



**ALCOHOL CONTENT:** 14.0%

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