



OUTSTANDING OLD-VINE ESTATE TEMPRANILLO FROM

# MARTÍNEZ CORTA

URUÑUELA, RIOJA ALTA • LA RIOJA

Bodegas Martínez Corta is located in Uruñuelo, the heart of Rioja Alta. Viticulturalists for generations, the family decided to produce their own bottlings over fifty years ago. Since the 1960s Martínez Corta has consistently been the most important wine estate in Uruñuelo.

The estate includes 150 acres of old-vine Tempranillo in Uruñuelo, Cenicero and San Asensio, all head-pruned with a minimum age of 40 years. Vineyard parcels are typically located on high slopes poor in organic materials, maintaining elegance and minerality in the wines. While the family still uses the medieval cellar to age its wines, a new gravity-flow winery was completed in 2006 in order to consistently achieve fully-extracted, fruit-driven wines that capture all the complexity and elegance of the noble Tempranillo varietal.

*Martínez Corta 'Cepas Antiguas' is a remarkable value from old-vines with little or no oak influence. **Soros**, a very special Tempranillo selection aged in oak, will be available in the U.S. in late 2010.*

## **CEPAS ANTIGUAS** *Tempranillo*

Manually harvested from estate vineyards in the Rioja Alta villages of Uruñuela, Cenicero and San Asensio. Black fruit scents of plums and blueberries preface a rich, velvety palate and a lingering, refreshing finish.

**TANZER'S IWC** on the 2008: *"Ripe cherry and dark berries on the nose, along with a whiff of tobacco. Solid, chewy cherry and blackberry flavors are enlivened by a kick of cracked pepper and are a touch rigid on the back. The blackberry note repeats on the finish, which is nicely focused..."*

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