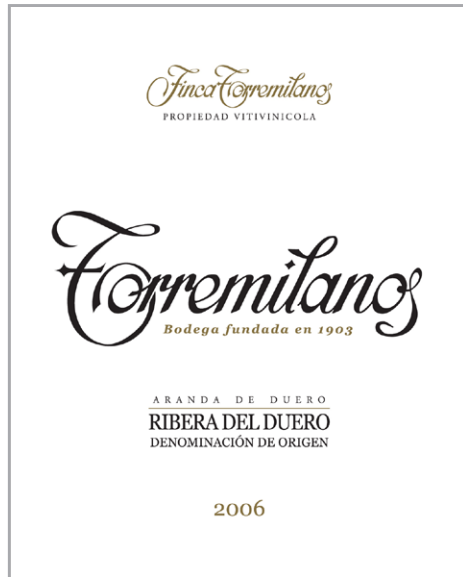


# Torremilanos 2006



**Winery:** Bodegas Finca Torremilanos

**Region:** Ribera del Duero D.O.

**Grapes:** 100% Tempranillo

**Winery:** This winery is family owned and has been producing red wines on the estate since 1903. The vineyards are located on the second slope above and nearly 2 km. south of the Duero river at an altitude of 800-900 meters. Soils are deep and composed of limestone, sand and clay in roughly equal proportions along with gravels from the old river bed that are composed of silex and quartz. In some vineyard plots the gravels dominate. The land has been known for its quality and has been planted with vines for more than 100 years. The estate, Finca Torremilanos, is comprised of 200 hectares of vineyards. 60 hectares are head-trained, en vaso, with the remainder trained to wires. The slopes are predominantly north facing and one can see for 60 kilometers from the heights of the vineyards. 100% of the plots are farmed organically and the winery is seeking organic certification.

**Wine:** 2006 saw a change in the labelling of this wine with the removal of the term Crianza. There were a number of reasons for the change, among them the aging of this wine far exceeds minimum aging requirements for Crianza as well as a reference to this as the “first” wine of this historic estate; Finca Torremilanos.

Made solely from estate grown, organically farmed, 18-25 year old fruit which is wire trained, Guyot pruned. There are 55 hectares of vineyard used for the production of this wine, with 40 different parcels combined into 10 fermentation tanks. Winemaker Ricardo Peñalba sees this area of vineyard nearly as a mini-D.O. unto itself, as the vineyard gains elevation from 800 to past 900 meters there is a great variety of change in soils and mesoclimates. Soils include sections of chalk, limestone, clay and sandy subsoils. The wine was fermented with native yeast in different tanks based on terrain, altitude, slope, and soil composition. The wine spent a total of 9 days on skins with 4-5 of those days being pre-fermentation. Malolactic fermentation occurred in stainless steel tanks. The wine was then racked to barrels and a preliminary blend was created. Aged 23 months in French oak barrels, which were coopered at the winery.

## Reviews :

“it exhibits an already complex bouquet of cigar box, violets, mineral, espresso, and blackberry. This is followed by a medium to full-bodied, elegant wine with serious depth and concentration. The wine’s savory black fruits, earth notes, and spice linger for over 30 seconds.”

**90+ points** *Wine Advocate* issue 188 April 2010

“Exotically perfumed scents of blackberry, boysenberry, incense and cocoa powder, with a sexy floral quality gaining strength as the wine opens in the glass. Plush, sappy, penetrating dark fruit and floral flavors are given spine by juicy acidity, picking up a spicy note on the back half. A hint of singed plum appears on the warm, lingering finish. This is ready to drink.”

**90 points** *International Wine Cellar* Sept/Oct 2010



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