



RAMÓN BILBAO

Rioja

MIRTO

2010

#### BACKGROUND

The finest ingredients produce the finest wines. That's still the philosophy at Ramón Bilbao, where carefully crafted grapes are selected from the best estates and vineyards in the idyllic region of Haro in Rioja Alta since 1924. Maintaining tradition is the guiding philosophy of today's Ramón Bilbao, where winemakers produce award-winning wines that embody a modern consumer-friendly style.

The Ramón Bilbao Mirto is a creation from tempranillo grapes from old vines in their fullest expression. A careful selection from 70+ year-old vines in the outer limits of Haro creates a modern wine with outstanding personality. The wine is bottled without any fining or filtering.

#### APPELLATION

Rioja

#### SOURCING

Rioja Alta

Haro and surrounding areas

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Tempranillo

#### WINEMAKING

Everything in this wine is an art, from the way the grape clusters are chosen at the sorting table to their fermentation in small French oak vats to extract the highest aromas and color. The wine is placed in casks where malolactic fermentation takes place without rackings, using the "bâtonnage" technique to periodically stir the lees. In new French Allier oak casks toasted specifically for the vintage, the wine is aged 24 months and then bottled without filtering.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

2010 had very favorable weather through the end of the growing cycle, with dry and sunny weather helping the grapes ripen optimally. A good number of medium-sized clusters were obtained even though flowering and fruit setting were slightly delayed.

#### TASTING NOTES

Bright and intense red purple color. The aromas are powerful, well developed, and sophisticated with hints of tobacco, cassis, chocolate, and cedarwood. The mouthfeel is filled the same flavors as the nose complimented with sensations of black currants, plums, and chocolate powder. The finish structured, expressive and persistent.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.53      RS 2.5 g/L

TA 6.7 g/L      Alc. 14.0%

#### WINEMAKER

Rodolfo Bastida

