



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## GÓMEZ CRUZADO

### PANCRUDO 2018

**GÓMEZ CRUZADO** || Founded in 1886, in the heart of Haro's Barrio de la Estación, Gómez Cruzado is a historic cellar and one of only sixteen "Bodegas Centenarias" in all of Rioja. Gómez Cruzado is a unique boutique winery that blends a profound respect for Haro's heritage of fine wines with an unflagging quest for the purest expression of terroir. The heart of the wines is in the vineyards, a mix of almost 100 different supervised plots across three well-defined regions:

**RIOJA** || Rioja was the first Spanish wine region to obtain DO status, in 1925. In 1991, it was promoted to DOCa (Qualified Designation of Origin), a higher category reserved for wines maintaining a proven consistency and quality over a long period of time. Rioja has three distinct subregions (Alavesa, Alta & Baja) as well as stylistic diversity ranging from the traditional oxidative wines to the full throttle modern style.

#### TERROIR SELECTION || PANCRUDO 2018

**BLEND** | 100% Garnacha

**VINEYARDS** | Pancrudo is named for the mountain in the Sierra de la Demanda at the southern part of the Ebro River Valley, where the Cardenas River originates before flowing towards the village of Badarán. Old bush-trained vines (over 80 years) planted in Badarán (upper Najerilla) with north orientation on red colored ferrous-clay soils.

**WINEMAKING** | Malolactic fermentation 65% in new French oak and 35% in egg-shaped concrete tanks followed by 12 months aging.

**PRESS** | 96 WA

"The 2018 Pancrudo was singing and hitting on all cylinders on a sunny Saturday morning in Madrid when I tasted it. This is like an upgraded version of the already phenomenal 2016, floral, delicate and complex, elegant and full of light and energy. The wine has gobsmacking balance and a rare combination of power and elegance, ripeness and freshness that is hard to achieve. The oak is perfectly integrated and folded into the fruit; there is subdued minerality; and the wine is nicely textured, seamless and velvety, with lots of inner strength. A wine like this should be very long lived. Among the best Garnacha in Rioja and the country."

