



# MATEO CAMBRA

## Garnacha 2017

**Bodegas Rafael Cambra:** Rafael's family owns a nursery where they grow vine stocks for many famous bodegas. Rafael studied oenology in France and apprenticed in Rioja. Although Rafael's bodega is near his home near Valencia, Rafael has always wanted to return to and start a project in Rioja. This is Rafael's first venture with a Rioja wine, and he named it after his first son Mateo.



**Tasting notes:** Deep purple color. Blackberry, pepper, and violet aromas. Smooth, balanced, and juicy on the palate with berry and plum flavors. Smooth finish.

**Appellation:** DOCa Rioja - Alta Rioja

**Grapes:** 100% Garnacha

**Soil:** Clay and limestone

**Elevation:** 2300 feet **Vineyard practice:** Dry farming, organic without certification.

**Vine Age:** 60 years **Yield:** 0.8 tons x acre

**Harvest Dates:** October 14

**Winemaking:** Hand-picked grapes sorted at the winery. 12 days in 500L French oak casks at 77 F with indigenous yeasts. Maceration for 18 days while gradually spinning the barrels on a structure with wheels to stir the solid components and extract more flavors. Aging for 11 months in 500L used oak barrels.

**pH:** 3.4 **RS:** 2.4 grams per liter **Alc:** 14.5 % **UPC:** 8 437006 989107

**D.O.Ca Rioja:** The Rioja region is located in northern central Spain and is the oldest wine region in Spain. Nestled in a valley and protected on all sides by mountains, Rioja has its own microclimate. When phylloxera devastated Bordeaux in the 1870's many French growers came to Rioja and found very similar growing conditions and brought innovation and additional knowledge in winemaking to the region. Rioja was the first wine region in Spain to be awarded DO status and is now one of only two regions in Spain to have the DOCa (Qualified Denomination of Origin).