Primordium

Red Wine

Appellation
Ribera del Duero

Vintage **2012**

Variety
100% Tempranillo (Tinto fino)

Vineyard
Grapes from 14 year old ecological vineyard in Gumiel de Mercado. Vines are selected clones from the Ribera del Duero planted on limestone stony soil at 910 meters altitude.
We work the vines in a natural biodynamic way, using horses to work the soil rather tan heavy machinery. Limited production of less than 4,000 kilos per hectare. (www.martamate.com/viñedo) **Manual harvest in boxes.**

Winemaking
After a manual selection on the vine, the grapes are selected "one by one"on the selecting table and macerated for 14 days. Fermentation takes place in a 10,000 conical stainless steel vat, and the malolactic fermentation occurs in the oak barrels.

Aging
19 months in 300 liter French oak barrels and a final blending and aging in a 2,300 liter French oak cask.

Bottling
Not cold stabilized.

Limited production
3,000 bottles
Alcohol
14,20% Vol.
Total Acidity
5,12 g/l

TASTING NOTES

Deep garnet, almost black color, with an intense ruby rim. Despite the age of the wine it has not lost any of its strong color. On the nose, mature black fruit, particularly blackberries. Slightly toasted oak, star anise, lavender and licorice. Dark chocolate merges to a complex sensation on the nose.
This complexity is testament to the time spent in the barrels. Dry powerful tannins well balanced with acidity. Full bodied and leaves a warm sensation in the mouth.   An elegant and complex wine.

PRIZES / AWARDS
The Wine Advocate (USA Robert Parker)/ **95 points 2008**
The Wine Advocate (USA Robert Parker)/ **92+ points 2010**
Tim Atkin / 91 points **Vintage 2012**

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