

## Hacienda Monasterio 2006

Ribera del Duero, a region of impressive standing and recognition, was only classified as recently as 1982, despite Vega Sicilia – then its most celebrated wine - having enjoyed a formidable reputation for around a century. This estate, Hacienda Monasterio, is comprised of 113 hectares, 70 hectares of which are under vine. It lies between the famous vineyards of Pesquera and Vega Sicilia itself, enjoying a perfect southern exposure.

The prodigiously talented Danish winemaker, Peter Sisseck - who brought Pingus to fame - was dispatched to Hacienda Monasterio by his uncle, Pieter Vinding Diers, an old friend of Corney & Barrow and no stranger to the wine world. This new project must have presented quite a challenge. Armed with principally Bordeaux training, Peter had to master radically different *terroir* and viticulture, as well as a new language. Worldwide acclaim proves just how successful he has been in both.

A blend of 85% Tinto del Païs (Tempranillo) and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, the grapes were harvested parcel by parcel and then vinified separately according to variety and location. The 2006 vintage was aged in 40% new Alliers oak barrels for 17 months and the vintage has an official declaration of *very good*.

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Double Bule

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## Hacienda Monasterio 2006, Ribera del Duero Corney & Barrow Score 18

This is a lustrous, intense plum-cherry in colour, almost opaque through to a bright, fine rim. The nose presents beguiling, spiced black and red fruit, with shades of liquorice and wild herbs. The palate reflects similar aromatics and is plump, generous and richly textured with beautifully integrated tannins, a lovely purity and refreshing acidity. There is an attractive balance here of real power and high-toned vitality. Precise and focused, this has been beautifully handled, will drink well from the outset and, equally, it will mature well in bottle. Once again Peter has been sensitive to the strengths of the vintage and produced a very fine Monasterio.

Recommended Drinking from 2009 to 2017 plus £280/case of 12, in bond UK

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