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TIM ATKIN MW RIBERA DEL DUERO 2023 SPECIAL REPORT

**"First Growths Classification"**

## **Cesar Maté: WINEMAKER Of the year**

### **96 Los Perejiles 2021 -**

"We couldn't make a classic Ribera del Duero here, even if we wanted to," says César Maté of this 0.2-hectare parcel in Tubilla del Lago, which may be as much as 200 years' old. Peppery, chalky and intense, this is a remarkable blend of Tinto Fino and 5% Albillo Mayor, with the structure, intensity and focus to support ageing in new 500-litre barrels. Focused, mineral and herbal, with tangerine, black cherry and raspberry fruit and fine-grained tannins.

### **95 Marta Maté 2020**

Marta Maté's eponymous wine uses Tinto Fino grapes from bush-vines planted at an average of 930 metres in three different parcels (Chaval, Malacuera and Valgordo) and is the latest in a series of excellent releases. Thyme, dill and rosemary aromas segue into a youthful, vibrant palate of blueberry and black cherry fruit framed by spicy, toasty 30% new wood. Wonderfully fresh and energetic. 2024-30

### **93 Primordium 2015**

Primordium is the only one of César Maté's reds that uses grapes from Gumiel de Mercado, as opposed to Tubilla del Lago. Made to age, it's a plush, dense, new barrel and foudre-aged Tinto Fino with lots of colour and extraction, flavours of damson and blackcurrant and a firm backbone of tannin. 2024-30

### **92 Viñas del Lago 2020**

Viñas del Lago is what César Maté calls a "homage to the village" of Tubilla del Lago, using grapes from 24 small parcels, or majuelos, between 80 and 120 years' old. Tempranillo based, with a little Garnacha and Albillo Mayor in the mix, it's a perfumed, silky, Pinot Noir-like Ribera, showing detailed tannins, redcurrant and wild strawberry fruit, fine tannins and a hint of oak sweetness. 2023-28

### **92 El Holgazán 2021**

El Holgazán is a 35-year-old parcel at 920 metres in Marta Maté's home village of Tubilla del Lago. Typically fresh and well-balanced, it has a hint of white pepper from 5% whole bunches, a focused, racy, pomegranate and wild strawberry palate and nicely understated oak. Great value too. 2023-29

### **90 Marta Maté Rosado 2022**

César Maté makes his clarete-style rosado from a co-fermentation of Tempranillo and 25% Albillo Mayor, sourced at 930 metres in Tubilla del Lago. Rosehip and wild strawberry aromas segue into a palate that's super fresh, tangy and zesty with crunchy pomegranate fruit and some lees-derived texture. 2023-25