

2009 FRONTON DE ORO TINTO

GRAN CANARIA, CANARY ISLANDS

\ (TINTILLA/LISTAN NEGRO)

VERY LIMITED



Fronton de Oro Tinto is a young red wine from Gran Canaria in the Canary Islands. This is a fresh and spicy blend of Listan Negro and Tintilla. Volcanic minerality supports Juicy fruit character with spicy black pepper in the background.

“Light, bright red. Lively red fruits and minerals on the nose. Tangy and precise, offering bright strawberry and cherry flavors and a hint of bitter cherry pit. Fine-grained and light on its feet, with very good finishing clarity and tangy cut.”

-International Wine Cellar

89 Pts

The Spanish introduced vines into the Canary Islands during the 15th century. The production of wine became a flourishing economic activity in less than fifty years and by the middle of the 16th century, the wine producers of the Canary Islands were exporting wine to England, Northern Europe, as well as the Portuguese and Spanish colonies.

Canary Island wines were proclaimed "better than any in Spain" as early as 1564. They were popular in the American colonies, and both Jefferson and George Washington noted purchasing them. Alex Henderson said in his History of Ancient and Modern Wines, published the year after Jefferson died, that his contemporaries thought Canary wine to be...

“the richest, the most firm, the best bodied and lastingest wine...”

The Canaries eluded the ravages of Phylloxera in the mid 1800s and many of the islands' 30-some-odd indigenous grape varieties have flourished here—untouched by Phylloxera—for centuries.

However the island's vines did fall victim to the powdery mildew that haunted their vineyards for nearly a century. As a result, Canary wines were, until a few decades ago, virtually unknown to the modern world.

But now, with plagues and pesky volcanic eruptions behind them, the islands have once again captured the imagination of the international market.



Antonio Ramírez Suárez

In 1977, D. Antonio Ramírez bought a small piece of land in the hills of La Lechuza (a small town on the island of Gran Canaria) known locally as “El Frontón”. There he planted some vegetables and vines for the family's needs. In 1999 his two sons, Pedro and Antonio, decided to bottle some wine to sell locally. The vineyards are high-elevation – many above 1,000 meters – and in many cases on terraced slopes.