



## SPANISH WINE REGIONS



The wine region DO La Mancha

**Situated almost in the centre of Spain with extremes of temperatures - hot summers and very cold winters. Ten years ago La Mancha was producing large quantities of cheap table wine but lately we have seen a cut back in production and an increase in quality.**



The La Mancha wine region is situated in the province of Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca and Toledo and covers an area of 193,000 hectares. The La Mancha wine region consists of 195 vineyards (Bodegas), which produce 700,000 hl of wine annually. La Mancha is the biggest wine region of Spain.

**Vineyards (Bodegas)**  
195

**Situation**  
Provinceen Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca and Toledo

**Surface area**  
193,000 ha of wine

**Production**  
700,000 hl of wine

## Tempranillo



One of Spain's best wine grapes, planted under different names all over the country. There are almost 70,000 hectares planted with Tempranillo, though it produces the best performance in colder regions such as [Rioja](#) or [Ribera del Duero](#). Tempranillo wines are very good for maturing in oak barrels and when not finished as single varietal wines they are very important in cuvées.

### **Wine**

Ruby red color with very intensive fruit (cherry, fig) and very balanced alcohol-to-acid ratio. When mature the wines gain in complexity and richness, often with a typical (animal) leather note.