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The rich quality and importance of the soil in Castilla y León opens the first day of the Duero Wine 2021 in Valladolid

The congress began with an intense morning session and a cast of top national and international experts. The regional minister for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Rural Development of the Junta de Castilla y León, Jesús Julio Carnero, presided over the official inauguration of the event

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Duero Wine 2021 kicked off with the first block of topics, in which the rich quality, variety and importance of the soil became the connecting thread for the morning sessions of talks and round tables, with renowned experts of national and international prestige. The regional minister for Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Rural Development, Jesús Julio Carnero, presided over the official inauguration of the congress and in his intervention he highlighted the enormous relevance of these initiatives in showcasing the important role of the wine industry, an indispensable motor for the economy of Castilla y León. The minister also made a reference to the key role of Alejandro Fernández, who he hailed as one of the great figures in the history of wine.

The congress began with all the experience and knowledge of Pedro Ballesteros, Master of Wine, who outlined his vision of the present state of the Duero for Castilla y León and its future potential in this aspirational function of what it could become from the winemaking perspective.

After Pedro Ballesteros, the Duero Wine 2021 welcomed the first round table, focussed on sustainability and authenticity. Organic agriculture and everything this means for the surroundings. Jamie Goode, doctor in plant biology and wine writer for the The Sunday Express, chaired a discussion which was enriched by the expert opinions of Marta Ramas (Fuentes del Silencio), Jorge Monzón (Dominio del Águila), Ricardo Peñalba (Finca Torremilanos) and Didier Belondrade (Belondrade and Lurton).





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Taking the terroir as the common denominator, the geologist Octavio Artieda (UNEX) outlined the geological make-up of Castilla y León and its influence on the region's wines. Artieda centred his presentation precisely on this analysis of the richness and variety of the soil of the Community and its effect on the wines.

In the same vein, and to tie together the themes of the talks and debates in the auditorium of the Feria de Valladolid conference centre, Amaya Cervera, Spanish Wine Lover, chaired a round table in which Almudena Alberca, Master of Wine in Entrecanales Domeq e Hijos; Gonzalo Iturriaga, of Tempos Vega Sicilia; Alberto García, de Mauro, San Román and Garmón Continental; and Telmo Rodríguez, of the Compañía de Vinos Telmo Rodríguez analysed the soil differences and their sensory potential for the wines of Castilla y León. By way of conclusion, they all acknowledged the huge value that the terroir give to the personality and variety of the wines.

Once the activity in the auditorium was over, the knowledge of the wine experts transferred to the Ágora of Duero Wine. With a capacity for a hundred people, the first tasting masterclass was led by Víctor de la Serna, undoubtedly one of the leading figures in the sector in Spain. The expert captivated the room with his knowledge and the tasting of the great Duero-Douro wines, in which the wines of Spain and Portugal were the star feature.

The afternoon session will begin at 15.45 with the tasting masterclass led by Pedro Ballesteros on the non-dominant wine categories of Castilla y León.

You can consult the full programme for the congress here: [Programa – Duero Wine Fest](#)

Complete talks from the morning of 18 October: <https://youtu.be/fPDG16278PY>

Tasting 1: <https://youtu.be/Ou3wfHht7cs>

