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**The wines of the Duero take centre stage in the evening session of the congress, which concluded its first day with a tasting of the legendary vintages of the Alejandro Fernández Tinto Pesquera**

*The second part of the inaugural day of the Duero Wine 2021 began with a tasting masterclass from Pedro Ballesteros on "The wine from non-dominant categories of Castilla y León"*

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If the first part of the inaugural day of the Duero Wine 2021 placed the terroir centre stage, the evening session shifted the spotlight onto the wines of the Duero in all its varieties and sealed the day with a master tasting of the legendary vintages of Alejandro Fernández Tinto Pesquera, led by Paco Berciano, owner of the specialist wine store El Lagar (Burgos) and a partner in the distribution-import company, Alma Vinos Únicos.

Pedro Ballesteros, one of the experts of most prestige at the congress, opened the afternoon session with a tasting masterclass on the wines from the non dominant categories of Castilla y León. The Master of Wine based his case on the "heroes who have the merit of understanding wines, making them, creating them and defending them". In this sense, he turned to Jorge Monzón for the opening wine of the tasting. "For me, he is one of my heroes because I blind-tasted his Peñas Aladas and nearly cried through my veins", explained the leader of the tasting session. Ballesteros gave a superb masterclass in tasting, full of theoretical and practical insights, on the less common varieties from a rich and bountiful land such as is Castilla y León.

Returning to the auditorium, the talks began with Pedro Ballesteros again the protagonist as he chaired a round table which reviewed the wines of the Duero through the eyes of Masters of Wine of the prestige of Fernando Mora, Almudena Alberca and Roderick Smith, who enriched the day with their points of view on the wines which have the benefit of the direct influence of the Duero.





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Following the same line of argument marked by the afternoon session, Juan Manuel Bellver led the round table that considered the changing perception of wines from Castilla y León. The director of Lavinia España was joined by experts such as Zoltan Nagy, writer and columnist in different digital media; Santiago Rivas (Colectivo Decantado); Andrés Proensa (Planeta Vino y Guía Proensa), Bernard Burtschy, wine writer and president of the Wine Press Association of France; and María José Huertas, sommelier of the terrace of the Casino de Madrid.

Before closing with the final tasting masterclass of the day, Pablo Martín, president of the Unión de Asociaciones de Sumilleres de España and president of the sommeliers of Castilla y León, coordinated the round table which served as an outstanding appetiser for the epilogue of this opening day of the Duero Wine 2021. Martín shared the best new vintages from the Duero for sommeliers such as José Antonio Cabañas, Noemí Martínez, Elia Arranz, Alba Nely, Marcelo Calvo, Eli Ivanova, Héctor Barcenilla, Adolfo Benítez, Laura Herráez, Augusto Rufes and Iván del Pozo.

After this analysis aimed at the role of the sommeliers came one of the high points of the day which, in addition, served to bring to a close the first chapter of Duero Wine. A tasting led by Paco Berciano went over the virtues of the legendary vintages of Alejandro Fernández Tinto Pesquera. A finishing touch to seal an enriching day, in which the leading players of the sector absorbed the knowledge and experience of a wide range of speakers and experts who lit up the first day of Duero Wine 2021.

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

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

You can watch all the conferences of the afternoon here: <https://youtu.be/Ckbl8EVA8NA>

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

Tasting 2: <https://youtu.be/W3v1-1hCGDA>

Tasting 3: <https://youtu.be/zPbLLRAQ534>

