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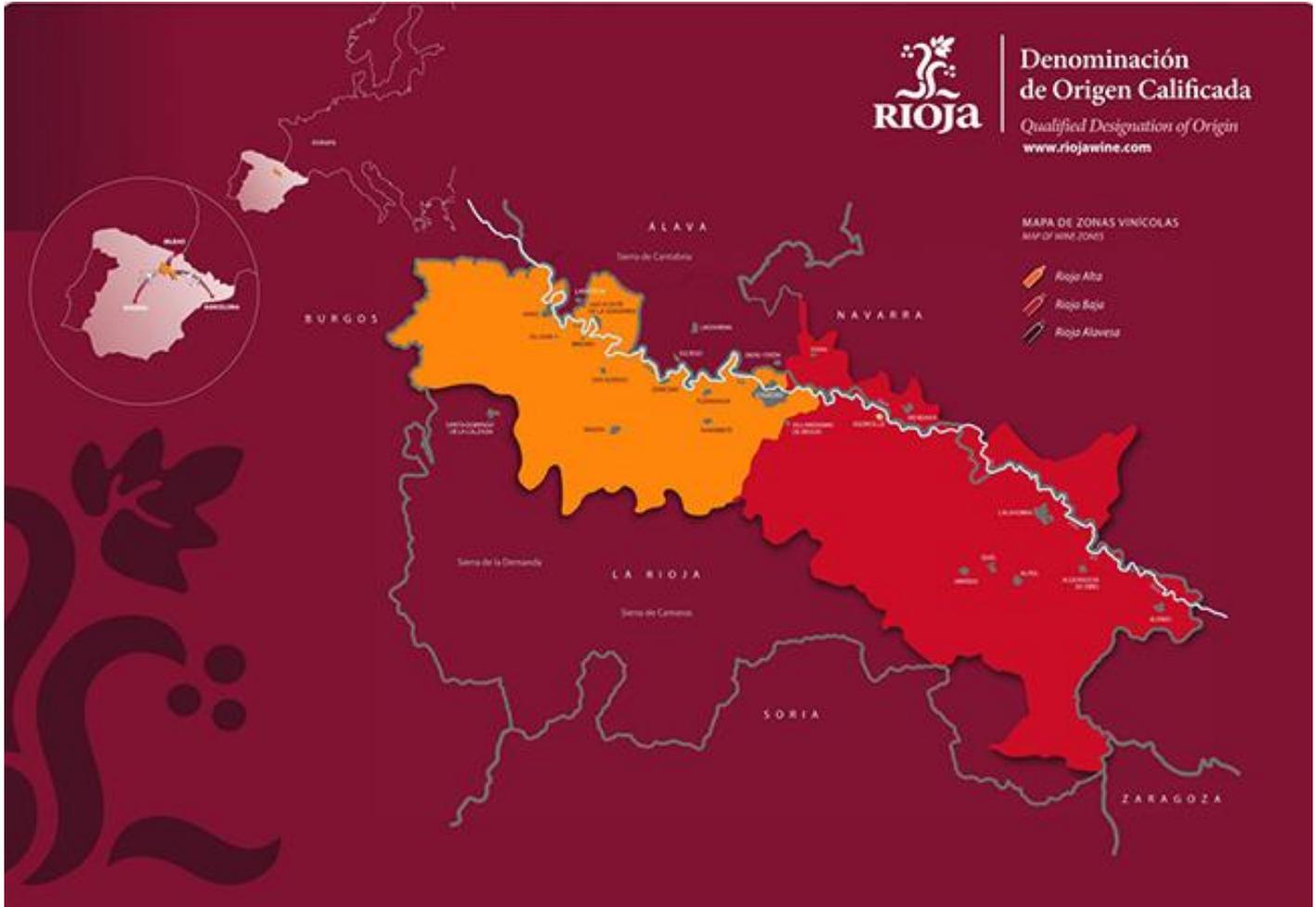


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The famous Rioja region is situated in northern Spain around the city of Logroño. It is made up of 3 sub-regions; Rioja Alavesa, Rioja Alta & Rioja Baja. The river Ebro and the Cantabrian Mountains help to moderate the climate.

The key grape varieties are Tempranillo and Garnacha for reds and Viura for whites.

It is best known for its smooth, oak aged red, however, Rioja also produces elegant white and rosé styles.



Rioja's winemakers have a passion for their vines and combine the best of Old World expertise with a contemporary approach, producing wines that are particularly food-friendly, complementing a wide range of dishes. The Rioja seal is your guarantee of quality and style – you can be confident that whatever bottle you choose it will be a great partner to fine food and fun conversation.

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Join us this October as we celebrate the wines of Rioja.

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LA RIOJA ALTA

Established 1890. Own 425 hectares situated in the most favoured parts of Rioja. They insist on low yields of a maximum 5 tonnes per hectare to ensure high grape quality. In the winery, they combine traditional techniques - hand racking by candlelight, American oak, long periods of cask ageing - with modern methods - long macerations, new barrels, more extract and concentration. The results are wines of complexity and great style, "new classics".

Red



La Rioja Alta Viña Alberdi Reserva 2012 (13.5% alc vol)

£18.99

100% Tempranillo. The nose stands out for the intensity of fresh aromas of ripe red fruit, wild strawberries, currants and raspberries, against a balsamic background with notes of vanilla, toasted caramel, bakery, coffee and sweet mints. Warm aromatic entry, with good structure and balance, and soft, amiable tannins. The aromatic harmony persists on the finish, with marked freshness and balance. Long in the mouth, it offers a magnificent expression of classic ageing.

92/100 Tim Atkin

90+/100 Parker



La Rioja Alta Viña Ardanza 2009 (13.5% alc vol)

£28.99

80% Tempranillo and 20% Garnacha. The nose has a fresh, spicy character, with hints of sweet cherries and blackcurrant chocolate, with notes of black pepper, tobacco, nutmeg, coffee, mocha and cinnamon. Tasty, with a soft freshness, nice structure, and delicately elegant tannins. Silky finish, with a lovely aftertaste, where liqueur-like notes of cherries and blackcurrants intermingle with toasty notes and sweet spices, turning this special edition of Viña Ardanza into a fine, elegant wine.

95/100 Tim Atkin

93+/100 Parker



La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva 904 2009 (13.5% alc vol)

£47.99

90% Tempranillo & 10% Graciano.

Outstandingly intense cherry-red; clean and bright. The nose reveals a bouquet of great aromatic complexity, with balsamic notes of vanilla, toasted caramel, mint chocolate, tea leaves and cinnamon, that gives way to elegant notes of stewed fruits and prunes. Creamy, well-balanced mouthfeel, with a harmonious freshness and smooth, well-tamed tannins that leave an elegant, complex finish.

97/100 James Suckling

96/100 Tim Atkin

96/100 Guía Peñín



La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva Selección Especial 890 2005 (13.5% alc vol)

£119.00

95% Tempranillo, 3% Graciano & 2% Mazuelo.

Classic aroma, intense, with notes of cured leather, stewed plums and raisins, tobacco and sweet spices, vanilla and dark chocolate. Elegant, mature, complex mouthfeel.

Outstanding structure and well-balanced acidity with silky tannins. Its classic Rioja bouquet stands out, big, complex and round, with an elegant finish.

98/100 "One of the greatest ever? The new 1964?" JamesSuckling.com

98/100 Tim Atkin

98/100 Guía Peñín

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RIOJA VEGA

The origins of Rioja Vega go back to 1882 when Don Felipe Ugalde established a bodega bearing his name in Haro. In 1948 the bodega joined with Bodegas Muerza through marriage & the name disappeared. In 1983 it was acquired by the Group Principe de Viana and construction of a new winery & a new brand, Rioja Vega, started in January 2001. The winery is located in the town of Viana, 10 km south-east of Logroño. There are also 51 hectares of Tempranillo & 9 hectares of Graciano planted around the winery, & a total of 70 hectares of vineyards is planned. The goal is to produce high quality grapes from low yields in modern surroundings.

Red



Austral Tempranillo 2017 (13.5% alc vol)

£7.99

Attractive varietal aromas of red berries, fresh strawberry leaf & spice. Medium bodied, crunchy red berry & hedgerow fruit.



Austral Tempranillo & Garnacha Semi Crianza 2015 (13% alc vol)

£8.99

Tempranillo and Garnacha aged in American oak so expect wild strawberry notes with raspberry & vanilla. Medium to full bodied and very sumptuous.



Rioja Vega Tinto 2016 (13.5% alc vol)

£8.49

90% Tempranillo with some Garnacha. Modern and exuberant "86/100" (Josh Reynolds, Vinous) "Black cherry & fresh herb flavours mingle in this juicy red. It has lively acidity and gentle tannins. Fruity and fresh." (Wine Spectator).



Rioja Vega Crianza 2015 (14% alc vol)

£10.99

80% Tempranillo, 15% Garnacha, 5% Mazuelo.

Complex array of aromas on the nose, with notes of red fruits and liquorice and subtle hints of toast, spices and cinnamon.

Gold Medal Sommelier Wine Awards

Gold Medal Mundus Vini



Rioja Vega Crianza Edición Limitada 2015 (14% alc vol)

£13.99

95% Tempranillo, 5% Graciano.

Complex aromas of ripe black fruits with hints of spices and eucalyptus and subtle toasty notes. Subtle hints of minerality and black fruits, with a warm velvety finish.

Awards & accolades received by the current 2015 vintage:

July 2018 - Rioja Vega Edición Limitada 2015 is selected among the 100 Best Wines from Rioja with 90 points. Meininger Verlag

* Gold Medal, Best Rioja Crianza, Mundus Vini

* 95 Points, Gold Medal, Decanter World Wine Awards.

* 91 Points Rioja Masters, The Drinks Business

* 90 Points Guía Peñín



Rioja Vega Reserva 2011 (14% alc vol)

£15.99

85% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, 5% Mazuelo

Rioja Vega Reserva set the foundation of the classic Rioja Vega style, having become, over the years, one of its most emblematic wines.

Intense aromas of very ripe fruit, toast, toffee and spices. Unctuous, velvety and balanced on the palate, with a good, high-quality tannic structure.

Trophy for Best Rioja as well as a Gold Medal from the International Wine & Spirits Competition.

90/100 Guía Peñín



Rioja Vega Gran Reserva 2009 (14.5% alc vol)

£19.99

Aged for 29 months in American oak and 36 months in bottle before release. Aromas of very mature fruit (raisins, compote) are accompanied by cinnamon, vanilla & toasted bread. In the background hints of anise and liquorice are also found. Incredibly long palate with intense flavours of fruit oak and spice. Heavenly!

The Rioja Denomination of Origin appointed Rioja Vega Gran Reserva 2009 official wine of the year for the D.O.Ca.

91/100 Wine Spectator

White



Rioja Vega Blanco 2017 (13% alc vol)

£8.49

Made from Viura & Tempranillo Blanco! Youthful fruity citrus flavours with a fresh clean palate & hints of herbs on the finish. Un-oaked & juicy. A must try!



Rioja Vega Tempranillo Blanco 2016 (13% alc vol)

£13.99

Exceptionally rare barrel fermented white made from Tempranillo Blanco. Fermented and aged on its lees in French oak for six months. Intense aromas of tropical fruit & white flowers over delicate notes of herbs. Silky texture due to the oak ageing. Has some 'Burgundian style' finesse.

90/100 Wine Enthusiast

91/100 Guía Peñín



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OSTATU

Ostatu is a family winery from the Alavesa zone of Rioja, created in 1960 by the Saenz de Samaniego family, who have a long tradition as grape growers dating back to the 16th century.

The family practice sustainable viticulture. Their 34 ha of vineyards are divided into more than 50 plots. Over 95% of the vines grow on an ochre coloured, chalk & clay soil and are protected from the cold northern winds by the Sierra de Cantabria mountain range.

They make stylish, flavoursome wines blending passion, tradition and innovation.

Red



Ostatu Crianza 2015 (14% alc vol)

£13.99

A Crianza with body and character that is made from 90% Tempranillo with 10% Graciano, Mazuelo and Garnacha grapes, which come from vineyards that are around 35 years old. A faithful reflection of the spicy character of the Tempranillo from Samaniego.

92/100 Tim Atkin

White



Ostatu Blanco 2017 (13.5% alc vol)

£10.99

85% Viura and 15% Malvasía. A fresh and fruity wine with a noticeable personality of pear, peach and melon. This is an elegant wine with excellent length.

Rosé



Ostatu Rosado 2017 (13% alc vol)

£10.99

A young rosé made from 70% Tempranillo and 30% Garnacha grapes which come from the highest parts of the vineyards, in the district of Samaniego. The result is a special rosé that won't leave you feeling indifferent.



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PALACIOS REMONDO

Bodegas Palacios Remondo is based in Alfaro in Rioja Baja. This old family firm has been revitalised by the arrival of Alvaro Palacios who had already made his name, starting from scratch, with his extraordinary Priorat wines. He is now bringing his family Rioja winery to the attention of the wine world. The wines are made from their own vineyards, a rarity in Rioja. After more than proving himself in Priorat, he took over the home ranch following the death of his father in 2000 and slowly, surely, year on year, things in Rioja keep getting better. Vineyards are now farmed organically and many biodynamic principles are being followed. Here,

Garnacha, more than Tempranillo, reigns supreme and it is from here that Spanish rusticity and spice is contributed to blends.

Red



Palacios Remondo La Vendimia 2016 (14% alc vol)

£12.99

From Alvaro Palacios, Decanter Man of the Year 2015! 50/50 blend of Tempranillo and Grenache. Flavours of red cherries, blackberry and plum jam with hints of wild herbs come together in this harmonious wine. Aged in new French oak for over four months.



Palacios Remondo La Montesa 2015 (14% alc vol)

£16.99

65% Garnacha, 30% Tempranillo & 5% Mazuelo

Reserva quality from one of Spain's finest growers. Aged for 12 months in 85% French oak & 15% American oak. Sumptuous, elegant, heavenly!

92/100. (Parker)



Palacios Remondo Propiedad 2015 (14.5% alc vol)

£27.99

This exceptional wine is a blend of 60% Garnacha and 40% Tempranillo.

Made from 20, 40 and 90 years old vines. It is concentrated, complex, full bodied and smooth. It shows rich dark berry fruits and herbs such as, rosemary and mint. It also has hints of balsamic vinegar and cigar boxes. This is a stunning wine which is balanced and has excellent length. The wine is drinking now but will also age well for the next 10 years. Perfect with lamb & rosemary.



Palacios Remondo Reserva Especial 2010 (14% alc vol)

£27.99

45% Garnacha, 45% Tempranillo, 5% Mazuelo, 5% Graciano.

An admirable expression of an intelligent blend. Perfectly capable of rivalling the elite of the world, but with the distinction of a European historical heritage.

White



Palacios Remondo Placet Valtomelloso 2014 (13.5% alc vol)

£20.99

From the area of Valtomelloso at the foothills of Sierra de Yerga. 100% Viura. 21-year-old vines from 8 hectares. Very low yields. Fermented in traditional oak vats at low temperatures. Aged for 9 months in French oak barriques. Deliciously organic!

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MORE RIOJA

Red



Martín Códax Música en el Camino 2014 (13.5% alc vol)

£10.99

100% Tempranillo. "El Camino" is an elegant, complex wine with decadent aromas of ripe fruit and a floral bouquet, that is integrated with nuances of cedar and toasty oak. The wine is vibrant, expressive & medium bodied with hints of vanilla from the oak aging. Flavours of cherries, currants, coconut and fresh raspberries capture the palate leading to a long, lingering finish. Aged for 8 months in one-year old oak.



Biurko Gorri Rioja 2016 (13.5%alc)

£10.99

ORGANIC! From high altitude, low yielding vineyards in north eastern Rioja. "It's a family, & a property, that I trust...an ideal all-purpose young red: juicy, snappy, unoaked & fresh with a plethora of red & black fruits." (Michael Palij M.W.)



Finca San Martin Crianza 2014 (14%alc)

£13.99

100% Tempranillo. The nose stands out for its intense aromas of red blackberries, wild strawberries and hints of earthiness, set against a balsamic background of aniseed, sweet liquorice, cinnamon and cedar, to round off a fine bouquet. Very noticeable velvety texture in the mouth, with well-balanced acidity and elegant, pleasant tannins, giving way to a fresh aftertaste in which the nuances of ripe fruit and liquorice showcase the typicity of this Rioja Alavesa wine.



Finca Allende Tinto 2010 (13.5%alc)

£22.99

Finca Allende's production comes from their own 22 hectares supplemented by contracts with certain other growers in Briones. The principal cuvée is 100% Tempranillo aged for thirteen months in predominantly French oak.

Intense cherry colour with purple hints. On the nose, fruit sensations (blackberries, blueberries, black fruits) dominate the perfectly integrated tones conveyed by aging in wood barrels that provide sensations of cedar and tobacco.

It is serious and lively on the mouth with power and a great balance; broad and flavoursome combining fruity freshness and the elegant structure of a wine that is suitable for aging.

91/100 Parker's Wine Advocate

Macán Clásico 2013 (14%alc)

£32.99

The joint vision that two great names of the wine world, Rothschild and Vega Sicilia, have of La Rioja.

100% Tempranillo.

Macán Clásico is the pure expression of Rioja Tempranillo grapes with a modern production reinforcing its elegance and a careful ageing to enhance its finesse. These wines are ready for drinking now but may potentially be stored for approximately 15-20 years if kept in optimum conditions (12-15 °C) at 60% relative humidity, and constant temperature, protected from direct light.

Optimum drinking temperature is 17 °C.

MACÁN
CLÁSICO

Throughout October we will have a selection of Rioja open for tasting, as well as competitions, offers, & food & wine pairing suggestions.

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