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RIOJA

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RIOJA



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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 Oriental.

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.

(riojawine.com)

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

#RiojaWineMonth

Bodegas Benjamin de Rothschild & Vega Sicilia was born in 2004 as the result of a joint venture between Tempos Vega Sicilia and the Compagnie Vinicole Baron Edmond de Rothschild. Both firms share the idea of making great wines in La Rioja, a unique, singular, inimitable winegrowing region. After five years of terroir evaluation and acquisition of 92 ha of vineyard, the project takes shape in 2009 with the first vintage of their two wines: Macán and Macán Clásico. To offer a modern and unique vision of Rioja is their philosophy, following the Bordeaux model of a first and second wine.

Red

Macán Clásico 2017

£40.99

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.

94/100 Tim Atkin MW
(14.5% alc vol)

Macán 2016

£69.99

Tempranillo

Macán is the winery's flagship. It is fineness, delicacy and elegance, produced by reason of a meticulous grape selection harvested from our best plots. Ferments 10-15 days in French oak barrels ages in extra fine grain oak barrels for 16 to 18 months and sits in bottle for at least three years before its release.

Macán 2014 projects an attractive expression. It's a fleshy pleasurable wine, intense and pensive.

This wine is ready to drink now holding a potential ageing window of approximately 15-20 years if kept in ideal conditions: constant temperature of 12-14 °C and 60% relative humidity. Optimum drinking temperature is 18 °C

97/100 Guia Penin
(14.5% alc vol)





La Rioja Alta, S.A.



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 2016

£18.99

100% Tempranillo

High aromatic intensity with dominating ripe fruit: raspberries, red cherries, wild strawberries and red currants set out against a balsamic background of vanilla, toasted caramel, biscuits, coffee and sweet mints. In the mouth, you can enjoy good acidity, great freshness and balance and mild, friendly tannins. Aromatic harmony persists through the aftertaste, with notes of red fruit jam, prunes, coffee, vanilla and caramel.

Viña Alberdi is characterised by a notable food-pairing versatility.

93/100 Decanter World Wine Awards 2021

(13.5% alc vol)

37.5cl £9.99





La Rioja Alta Viña Ardanza 2012

£29.99

78% Tempranillo and 22% Garnacha.

Outstandingly bright, lively and intense garnet red, with an incipient cherry red rim.

The first nose is very intense, with spicy, balsamic and ripe fruit notes. After swirling, aromas of black pepper, sweet liquorice, nutmeg, coffee, vanilla and cinnamon make their appearance. Mouth full of flavours, with a pleasant acidity and balance, and very polished tannins that enhance the harmonious structure. Complex and elegant aftertaste with spicy and balsamic hints. To enjoy right now, but with a long life ahead.

93/100 Tim Atkin MW

93/100 Guía Peñín
(13.5% alc vol)

37.5cl £15.99

Magnum £59.99

La Rioja Alta Viña Gran Reserva Arana 2014

£33.99

94% Tempranillo & 6% Graciano

Lively, clean, medium depth, garnet-red with an incipient pink rim. Intense aromas with outstanding notes of redcurrants, raspberries, wild blackberries and ripe red plums creating a complex bouquet together with the balsamic notes from the barrel: vanilla, cloves, coffee, caramel and brioche.

Very tasty with the brand's distinctive classic texture. Fresh, vibrant and well-balanced, with amiable sweet tannins. Its long stay in the bottle rewards us with that great complexity and elegance typical of this style of Rioja wines.

To enjoy now, but with a long life ahead.

Particularly recommended with all kinds of meats, stews, seasoned fish, and desserts with chocolate couverture or red berries. Perfect as an after-dinner drink.

96/100 Decanter

95/100 Penin

94/100 Tim Atkin MW
(13.5% alc vol)





La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva 904 2011

£52.99

89% Tempranillo & 11% Graciano.

Intense, deep cherry-red with a garnet-red rim. Intense and complex aromas, dominated by fruit (blackberry jam, raspberries and orange zest) that reveals underlying spicy and balsamic notes of cigar box, cedar liquorice, cloves, chocolate mints and toasted wood. Elegantly refined entry. Fresh and lively in the mouth, nicely balanced with polished, silky tannins and a gentle, delicate finish. Very long aftertaste, with citrus and balsamic notes that provide long, complex final sensations.

Try with: Main courses, all kinds of meats, stews and desserts with couverture chocolate. Ideal as an after-dinner drink.

95/100 Tim Atkin MW

96/100 Guía Peñín
(14.5% alc vol)



La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva Selección Especial 890 2005

£129.99

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.

Try with: Delicate dishes with mild sauces. Meat stews. Chocolate desserts. The ideal after-dinner drink.

98/100 "One of the greatest ever? The new 1964?" James Suckling

98/100 Tim Atkin MW

98/100 Guía Peñín
(13.5% alc vol)



RIOJA VEGA

ES MI TIEMPO, ES MI PREMIO



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

Rioja Vega Semi Crianza 2018

£8.99

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

Rioja Vega Crianza 2017

£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.

90/100 Decanter World Wine Awards
(13.5% alc vol)

50cl £7.49



Rioja Vega Crianza Edición Limitada 2017 **£13.99**

75% Tempranillo, 25% 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.

95/100 IWSC
(13.5% alc vol)

Rioja Vega Reserva 2015 **£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.

90/100 Guía Peñín
(13.5% alc vol)



Rioja Vega Gran Reserva 2014 **£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!

(14% alc vol)

White

Rioja Vega Blanco 2020 **£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!

(13% alc vol)



Rioja Vega Tempranillo Blanco 2019 **£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 Guía Peñín
90/100 Tim Atkin MW
(13.5% alc vol)

RIOJA VEGA

ES MI TIEMPO, ES MI PREMIO



VINTAGE
2017



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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 2018

£13.99

90% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, Mazuelo and Garnacha

A Crianza with body and character that is a faithful reflection of the spicy character of the Tempranillo from Samaniego. Fresh & fruity nose of ripe black and red berries, with balsamic notes, spices and toast adding complexity. The palate is juicy, firm, elegant and balanced with flavours of blackberry, cherry, red and black plums and a touch of liquorice and spice.

91/100 Tim Atkin MW (2017)

(14.5% alc vol)



Ostatu Selección de Ostatu 2016

£19.99

92% Tempranillo and 8% Graciano

The most airy vineyard. Tempranillo and Graciano from a vineyard of more than 50 years located in the eastern part of Samaniego, as "Montecillo", where the wind has a higher impact. 14 months just aging in the barrel and 20 more polishing in a bottle give us a wine characterized by its freshness and personality.

Aromas of ripe red and black fruit, spicy sweet and creamy balsamic signs, light sweet touch. Great personality of the tempranillo and hints of the French oak. Rich fruit with good acidity and freshness. Sweet and soften tannin and excellent length.

93/100 Tim Atkin MW



White

Ostatu Blanco 2020

£11.99

85% Viura and 15% Malvasía.

A fresh and fruity wine with a noticeable personality. Great balance of flavours where green apple and lemon, ripened greengage plum and white flowers are predominating. This is an elegant wine with excellent length.

(13.5% alc vol)



Rosé

Ostatu Rosado 2020

£11.99

70% Tempranillo, 27% Garnacha, 3% Viura

Soft and bright pink with salmon and onion skin hints.

Intense aroma of red fruits (strawberries, raspberries, currants), some citrus sign (orange peel) and fine minerality. Very fresh and balanced on the palate,

(13.5% alc vol)

TORRE DE OÑA



Torre de Oña showcases the typicity of a unique Rioja Alavesa terroir.

Finca San Martin Crianza 2018

£13.99

100% Tempranillo.

Medium-high intense, dark-cherry red with a garnet rim. Very intense nose, with a marked fruity character: cranberries, redcurrants and blackberries envelop balsamic aromas of patisserie, cocoa, freshly-ground coffee, cinnamon and liquorice. Intense and well-balanced in the mouth, with an elegant freshness, balance, fine tannins and a smooth finish. Fruit-laden aftertaste, with marked notes of red fruit underscored with balsamic notes from barrel aging. Represents all the typicity and uniqueness of Rioja Alavesa.

Try with: Sausages, snacks, starters, hearty first courses and meats in general. (14.5% alc vol)

Torre de Oña Reserva 2016

£21.99

95% Tempranillo and 5% Manzuelo

Medium-high depth, garnet-red with a marked pink rim; clean and bright. Intense aromas, with notes of dark fruit (blackcurrants, blackberries and damson plums) merging with a friendly, intense bouquet of cloves, white pepper, liquorice and cedar. Very big in the mouth, fresh and well-balanced, with marked polished tannins leading to an ample, long-lasting aftertaste.

(14.5% alc vol)

Finca Martelo Reserva 2014

£30.99

95% Tempranillo, 5% Mazuelo, Garnacha and even Viura, representing the vineyard's own traditional blend.



It stands out for its ruby-red intensity. Clean and bright, it shows a marked garnet-red rim. The nose reveals very intense red fruit, raspberries, cherries and cranberries, enveloping balsamic and spicy aging notes: vanilla, liquorice, dark chocolate and cloves. Outstanding freshness and balance in the mouth, coupling a pleasant acidity with silky, fatty tannins that give it a good structure and a pleasant mouthfeel. Long, well-balanced aftertaste, promising great persistence over time as it ages in the bottle.

The structure and elegance of the Martelo 2014 makes it a perfect food companion. Long in the mouth, it is perfect with braised and roasted meats, as well as game and cured sausages.

94/100 Tim Atkin MW

94/100 Penin

94/100 Parker

(14.5% alc vol)



PALACIOS | REMONDO

ALFARO



Bodegas Palacios Remondo is based in Alfaro in Rioja Oriental (formally 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 2019

£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.

91/100 Tim Atkin MW

90/100 Guia Penin

(14% alc vol)

Palacios Remondo La Montesa 2017

£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!

94/100 Tim Atkin MW

(14% alc vol)

White

Palacios Remondo Placet 2019

£22.99

100% Viura

From the area of Valtemelloso at the foothills of Sierra de Yerga. 100% Viura. Very low yields (using half of what one is allowed to produce!). Fermented in traditional oak vats at low temperatures. Aged for 9 months in French oak barriques. Deliciously organic!

94/100 Tim Atkin MW

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Red

Austral Tempranillo & Garnacha Semi Crianza 2018

£8.99

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

(13.5% alc vol)

Martín Códax Música en el Camino 2018

£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. (14% alc vol)

Bodegas Ugalde Crianza 2017

£10.99

Ugalde Crianza is a blend of Tempranillo and Garnacha grapes that rested in American oak barrels for twelve months and further six months in the bottle. The result is a bright-coloured wine of medium intensity which shows aromas of ripe fruits, blackberries, currants, very well integrated with hints of toast, cinnamon, caramel and toffee. The palate is velvety, pleasant, fruity, long and with high-quality tannins. (14% alc vol)



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