

La Rioja Alta 890 Gran Reserva Seleccion Especial

£135.00

Vintage: 2005
Bottle Size: 75cl
Alcohol %: %
Country: Spain

Description: Ruby-red with a brick rim. Wondrously 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. Elegant, complex and round, with an long, aromatic finish. Amazing wine!

Cepages:

Group: Spain

Sub group: Rioja

Colour: Red

Closure: Cork

Producer:

Website: <https://www.riojalta.com>

Organic/Bio Status:

Food / cocktail match: This will be a delight with roast or braised lamb. perfect body and tannin to hold up to rich sauces.

Food / cocktail recipe:

Press "Made from an exclusive selection of Tempranillo (95%), Graciano and Mazuelo grapes from La Rioja Alta's own vineyards in Briñas, Labastida, Villalba and Fuenmayor, this 2005 Gran Reserva 890 'Selección Especial' stands out as the best example of traditional Riojan winemaking I have tasted" - Sarah Jane Evans MW.

Awards



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Outstanding - Best Mature Rioja - DECANTER Magazine.

98 Points - Tim Atkin MW

98 Points - James Suckling, The Wine Advocate

Other Info:

La Rioja Alta continues to be one of the benchmarks for traditionally produced Rioja wine. Established in 1890 at the same spot where their head office sits today, their three Reserva wine brands, Alberdi, Arana and Ardanza are named after the founding families, all three of which remain shareholders. The company still maintains traditional Rioja winemaking practices whilst embracing many of the new technological advances.

It is unusual for a great bodega of Rioja to own vineyards, but La Rioja Alta own 360ha from which they can source top-quality grapes, resulting in excellent fruit and richness throughout their wines. Tempranillo dominates the plantings, complemented with a small proportion of Garnacha and Graciano vines.

The company is renowned for the quality of its Reservas and in particular for its Gran Reservas, the 904 and the 890. The latter are produced only in exceptional years, are amongst the finest wines being produced in Rioja today. La Rioja Alta use organic fertilisers on their land, and have projects in place to reduce vineyard treatments as much as possible.

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