

La Rioja Alta 904 Gran Reserva 150cl

£100.00



Vintage: 2009

Bottle Size: 150cl

Alcohol %: 13.5%

Country: Spain

Description: Made from Tempranillo (90%) and Graciano (10%) from vines over 60 years old in vineyards in Briñas, Labastida and Villalba. Medium-depth garnet-red colour. Clean and bright, the nose stands out for the intensity of aromas of wild strawberries, currants and raspberries, against a balsamic background with notes of vanilla, toasted caramel and ground coffee beans. Warm aromatic entry, with good structure and balance and soft, amiable tannins. The aromatic harmony persists on the finish, with marked freshness and balance.

Cepages: Tempranillo, Graciano

Group: Spain

Sub group: Rioja

Colour: Red

Closure: Cork

Producer:

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

Organic/Bio Status:

Food / cocktail match: La Rioja Alta 904 is the perfect companion to roast lamb (a pairing which is very popular in Rioja), as well as with barbecued food, and is also perfect with rice, pastas and stews.

Food / cocktail recipe:

Press "For lovers of Rioja in its most classical form, La Rioja Alta has few peers. Deliciously mature, very complex, elegant, with so many wonderful savoury flavours, and seamless texture. A delight to drink!" - The Wine Merchant Top 100.

'It's only made in exceptional vintages and winemaker Julio Sáenz

believes the wine is becoming even more intense and aromatic and has greater ageing potential with each successive vintage. Four years in American oak have imbued it with whispers of vanilla and caramel, but the elegant and perfectly judged fruit is the real star of the show" Graham Holter - The Wine Merchant.

'It's rare to see mature wine at this price tag; it is even rarer at this quality. Rated as an exceptional vintage, this is showing beautiful development with notes of sweet red cherry followed by a sweet spice and leather bouquet. While it is a powerful wine, it is also quite restrained and elegant thanks to the refreshing acidity, the subtle vanilla notes and the well-integrated tannins. This is the perfect match for roast lamb or even roasted game birds' - Christelle Guilbert, DECANTER Magazine.

Awards

"One of the Top 100 Wines of the World" - The Wine Merchant.

Gold Medal - Decanter World Wine Awards

Silver Medal - International Wine Challenge

Gold Medal - Decanter World Wine Awards

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.