

Viña Ardanza Reserva, La Rioja Alta 150cl

£55.00

Vintage: 2009

Bottle Size: 150cl

Alcohol %: 13.50%

Country: Spain

Description: Medium-intensity, dark cherry-red - clean and bright. The nose stands out for its fresh, spicy character, with hints of sweet cherries and blackcurrant chocolate, mingling with notes of black pepper, tobacco, nutmeg, coffee, mocha and cinnamon. Ultra soft and well-balanced in the mouth. Tasty, with good 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. This Viña Ardanza is an extremely fine and elegant wine.

Cepages: Tempranillo,Grenache(Garnacha)

Group: Spain

Sub group: Rioja

Colour: Red

Closure: Cork

Producer:

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

Organic/Bio Status:

Food / cocktail match: This superb Reserva is an excellent accompaniment to char-grilled meat, roasts, small game, medium-aged cheeses and Iberian cured sausage for example.

Food / cocktail recipe:

Press "Twenty quid doesn't usually go far in the world of fine wine, but one of the world's finest Riojas can be bought for exactly that price. Viña Ardanza Reserva from La Rioja Alta is no secret, and its reputation preceeds it, yet its price remains entirely affordable - especially compared with equivalent-scoring reds from Bordeaux, Burgundy and the Rhone. It is an exceptional wine from Rioja's best traditional



producer, La Rioja Alta.18/20 - Jancis Robinson MW.

Awards

Gold Medal - Decanter World Wine Awards

Silver Medal - International Wine Challenge

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.