

La Rioja Alta, S.A.



GRAN RESERVA 904 - 2004

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PARKER

THE 2004 HARVEST

Thanks to excellent weather conditions, our vineyards developed very well throughout the year. The water reserves which accumulated during the winter led to good canopy development in spring and summer. The contrasting temperatures between day and night allowed for a long and evenly-balanced grape ripening cycle. This resulted in an exceptional harvest, which benefited the Graciano variety in particular, which is one of the key ingredients in this Gran Reserva. This wine is made only in the best vintages and achieves great aromatic complexity and good structure in the mouth. The D.O.Ca. Rioja Control Board awarded this vintage an **Excellent** rating.

GRAPES

The base grape is Tempranillo (90%) from vines over 40 years old grown in the municipalities of Briñas, Labastida and Villalba, perfectly complemented with 10% Graciano from our Melchorón I and II vineyards in Briones and Rodezno.

WINEMAKING AND AGEING

Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation were normal. In January 2005, the wine was transferred to 4-year-old American oak barrels made in-house, where it stayed until January 2009. During ageing, the wine was raked every six months using traditional barrel-to-barrel methods. The wine has been rounding off in the bottle since February 2009, to further enhance its organoleptic components.

TASTING

Bright, deep cherry-red in colour, with a light brick rim. Intense, elegant and complex aromas, with outstanding balsamic, vanilla, coconut, chocolate and truffle wrapped around a core of candied fruit. Well-balanced in the mouth, with elegant acidity and fine, silky, enveloping tannins. A long and complex finish, with hints of roasted coffee, spices, and candied fruit. A wine that continues to evolve and develop even more finesse and elegance in bottle during the passage of time.

- Alcohol cont.: 13% by vol.
- Total acidity: 6.2 g/l (tartaric)
- pH: 3.47
- Reduc. sugar: 1.2 g/l

Serving temperature: 17 °C

- Available in:



150 cl.



75 cl.

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