



FELIZ

RIOJA

THIS NOVEMBER!

DISCOVER RIOJA



Rioja in numbers

571

wineries

66,240

hectares
of planted surface

14

grape varieties
allowed in the region

340m

bottles sold globally
per year

4%

of volume
sold in exports



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.

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

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MACÁN

Bodegas Benjamin de Rothschild & Vega Sicilia S.A.

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 2019

£42.99

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.

Macán Clásico 2018 is the purest expression of Rioja Tempranillo, having a fresher, subtler, and more elegant profile.

94/100 Tim Atkin 94/100 Guia Penin
(14% alc vol)

Macán 2018

£74.99

100% 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 2018, a vibrant, elegant, and subtle vintage. A vintage with nuances, definition, and a trendsetting feeling.

96/100 Tim Atkin 96/100 Guia Penin
(14% 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 2019

£21.99

37.5cl £12.99

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.

(14.5% alc vol)



La Rioja Alta Viña Ardanza 2017

£34.99

37.5cl £19.99

Magnum £69.99

80% Tempranillo and 20% Garnacha.

Intense cherry red colour, marking the garnet on the edge of the glass. Of great aromatic power, first of fruity character (cherry, currant, red plum) giving way then to balsamic and spicy notes (pepper, licorice, clove, vanilla, toasted caramel and nutmeg). Fresh and balanced in the mouth, with fine and silky tannins.

Ample aftertaste that combines red fruits and spices with a fresh and long character.

Pairing suggestion: Roast lamb, red meats, barbecues, large game, spicy fish casseroles, smoked and aged cheeses.

"It stands out for its freshness and great potential for further growth. It reminds me of splendid vintages like Viña Ardanza 2005 or 2015." Julio Sáenz-Winemaker

95 J. SUCKLING

94 TIM ATKIN MW

(14.5% alc vol)



La Rioja Alta Viña Gran Reserva Arana 2016

£45.99

95% Tempranillo & 5% Graciano

Deep, dark crimson colour with an elegant garnet robe. The nose reveals a wide variety of aromas: red fruit, plums, blackberries and blueberries with subtle notes of pastry, coffee, caramel, cedar, vanilla and cinnamon creating a fruity and balsamic bouquet.

Balanced alcohol and acidity on the palate, with polished, supple tannins that contribute to its refined structure and fresh, delicate mouthfeel, as well as a long, lingering finish.

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

(14.5% alc vol)

La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva 904 2015

£77.99

90% Tempranillo & 10% Graciano.

Great aromatic complexity, with notes of wild strawberry, red cherry, plum, blackberry and cranberry combined with aromas of tobacco, brioche, ground coffee, caramel, cedar and cinnamon blossom. The alcohol and acidity are elegantly balanced on the palate and its polished, gentle tannins and freshness provide a smooth and refined mouthfeel. Fine, delicate and very long aftertaste, that will continue to be rounded with time in the bottle, making this new Gran Reserva 904 a wine with great cellaring potential.

An ideal wine for the most special occasions and celebrations. Especially recommended with not too spicy meat and fish and chocolate desserts. Ideal as an after-dinner drink.

97/100 Penin

97/100 J Suckling

96/100 Tim Atkin MW

(14.5% alc vol)



La Rioja Alta Gran Reserva Selección Especial 890 2010

£195.99

95% Tempranillo, 3% Graciano & 2% Mazuelo.

The nose reveals the characteristic notes of Rioja classicism: cherry jam, black plum compote, tobacco leaf, cinnamon, vanilla, pepper and chocolate powder. The refinement of its tannins and its gentle freshness lend this wine an elegant and pleasant mouthfeel. Classic Rioja bouquet, broad, complex, round and with an elegant finish. This Gran Reserva 890 has a long life ahead of it.

Gran Reserva 890 is our most special wine. Recommended with main courses with light sauces, meat stews with herbs and desserts with chocolate. It is ideal as an after-dinner drink.

100 points Guía Peñín

100 points Sobremesa

98/100 Tim Atkin MW

(14% alc vol)



RIOJA 1882 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 2022

£10.99

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

(14% alc vol)

Rioja Vega Crianza 2020

£11.99

50cl £8.99

Tempranillo & Graciano

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

(14% alc vol)



Rioja Vega Reserva 2018

£17.99

Tempranillo, Graciano, 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

Gold Medal Decanter

(14% alc vol)

Rioja Vega Gran Reserva 2017

£20.99

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!

95/100 Drink's Business Rioja Masters

(14% alc vol)



Con Gracia de Rioja Vega 2017

£23.99

100% Graciano. An elegant bouquet showing ripe black fruits, with a nutty, spicy character and a hint of aniseed. On the palate it has ripe black fruits with complex notes of balsamic, liquorice, leather and toasted spice. The finish is long and lingering with round tannins and freshness. A silky, elegant wine of fine intensity.

93/100 Guía Peñín **92/100** Falstaff

(Alc: 14%)

White

Rioja Vega Blanco 2023

£9.99

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 2023

£15.99

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.

(13.5% alc vol)

NEW ARRIVAL!

Bodegas Ugalde Reserva 2018



95% Tempranillo
10% Graciano
5% Mazuelo

Two years American oak barrel ageing is used, with 5% of the wine in French oak, followed by a minimum of twelve months bottle ageing prior to release.

Clean and bright cherry red. On the nose, intense fruit is palate, full and velvety and well balanced.

92 points Decanter World Wine Award

91 points James Suckling

90 points at International Wine & Spirit
Competition

90 points Wine Spectator

Gold medal at Berliner Wine Trophy

£13.99





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 2020

£15.99

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. (14.5% alc vol)



Ostatu Selección de Ostatu 2016

£20.99

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 2023

£12.99

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% alc vol)



Rosé

Ostatu Rosado 2023

£12.99

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 Martín Crianza 2020

£15.99

100% Tempranillo.

Intense ruby red colour, medium-high intensity, clean and bright. Intense and complex nose with hints of red fruits (redcurrant, wild strawberries), forest floor notes and fresh pastry, chocolate, ground coffee and white pepper aromas. Smooth texture, balance and elegant freshness on the palate, with ripe red fruit and spicy nuances returning.. Try with: Sausages, snacks, starters, hearty first courses and meats in general.

90/100 Proensa

90/100 Guía Peñín
(14.5% alc)



Finca Martelo 2019

£35.99

95% Tempranillo and 5% Mazuelo, Garnacha & some Viura. Intense ruby colour, with a bright, clean pink rim. Powerful fruit on the nose with an initial surge of wild strawberries, raspberries and blackberries, opening up to delicate spicy, peppery notes, cedar wood, liquorice and pastry. The palate is vibrant and elegant, expressing the terroir with freshness and intensity. Pleasant and long with a fleshy finish and hints of red fruit and spices.

The wine's structure and elegance makes it an ideal food companion. Long in the mouth, it is perfect with braised and roasted meats, as well as game and cured sausages.

98/100 Proensa

94/100 Guía Peñín

(14.5% alc vol)

MORE RIOJA

Red

Austral Tempranillo & Garnacha Semi Crianza 2022 **£9.99**

Tempranillo and Garnacha aged in American oak so expect wild strawberry notes with raspberry & vanilla. Medium to full bodied and very sumptuous. (14% alc vol)

Bodegas Ugalde Crianza 2020 **£11.99**

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)

Bodegas Ugalde Reserva **£13.99**

Clean and bright cherry red. On the nose, intense fruit is palate, full and velvety and well balanced.

92 points Decanter World Wine Award

91 points James Suckling



A TASTE OF RIOJA CASE



1 bottle each of:

White

OSTATU BLANCO 2023

RIOJA VEGA TEMPRANILLO BLANCO 2023

Red

BODEGAS UGALDE CRIANZA 2020

OSTATU CRIANZA 2020

LA RIOJA ALTA VINA ALBERDI RESERVA 2019

RIOJA VEGA GRAN RESERVA 2017

£95



IN STORE SAMPLING

Every
Friday & Saturday
in November





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For more information on Rioja visit
riojawine.com

#FelizRioja

A person wearing a dark jacket and a light-colored cap is seen from behind, carrying a large, dark, rectangular basket on their back. They are walking through a dense vineyard. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset, with long shadows and a hazy atmosphere. The background shows rolling hills and trees under a bright sky.

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