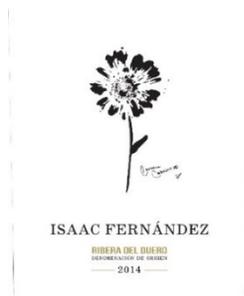


# Isaac Fernandez Ribera del Duero (Reserva) 2014 (red wine)



This wine is produced from 60-year-old vines of Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) that was planted in calcareous clay with abundant gravel in the surface using the traditional Gobelet system and aged for 30 months in a combination of 90% French and 10 American oak barrels. All new.

This wine combines power, balance, and elegance. It has a superior bouquet of plums, red and black cherries, cigar wrapper, notes of lavender, a fine base of soil and lovely spice framing of new oak. On the palate it is pure, ripe, full-bodied and outstanding mid-palate depth, well-integrated tannins, excellent focus and complexity with a very classy finish and a tremendous potential to age in bottle.

<b>Appellation</b>	Ribera del Duero D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), from 60 years old vines (in Gobelet) from Pagos de La Calabaza vineyard
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	900 meters / Mainly and predominantly calcareous, with a slight appearance of clay-loam soils
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested fruit starting first week of October
<b>Production</b>	Grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed prior to fermentation with native microbes, 2 weeks of skin maceration
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 30 months in a combination of 90% French and 10% American oak barrels. All new.
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8437012498679 / 8437012498686 / 6

## Reviews:

"I've already reviewed this wine, but here's another take on it—just after tasting it again while showing it to 60+ tasters working "blind" in a Zoom-based class on Ribera del Duero. Although there's never unanimity in that sort of setting, this was the top scoring wine of the night based on precise score-keeping by means of Zoom's "poll" function. That's very impressive in view of the fact that two of the wines carried price tags of \$85, but even more impressive in light of the fact that this 2014 vintage is the first-ever release of this wine. In fairness, it benefitted from 4 years of additional bottle age by comparison to those two \$85 wines from 2018, but bottle age doesn't help every wine equally, so don't make too much of that. My clear impression from both of my encounters with this wine is that is exemplary in its intricacy, with many interesting details in the different tones displayed by its fruit as well as its wood influence and its bottle bouquet. And yet, that's not its most impressive attribute, which is the remarkable proportionality of all these sensory signals, which present themselves in near-perfect symmetry and in such a harmonious-seeming sequence that all the aroma, flavor, and finish impressions flow naturally and beautifully from one another. As an aside, I thought even more highly of the 2015 vintage when first tasting the two side-by-side, so this is undoubtedly a new star in the Spanish firmament."

**96 points** *Wine Review Online*; Michael Franz – April 26, 2022

"The 2014 Tinto "Reserva"... was raised entirely in French oak casks in this vintage. The 2014 also tips the scales at 14.5 percent octane, but is quite a bit more developed on the nose than the 2015 version, offering up a deep and complex bouquet of dark berries, chocolate, cigar ash, a gentle note of tempranillo spice, dark soil tones and nicely integrated new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a lovely core of fruit, well-integrated tannins and a long, blossoming and very nicely balanced finish. Though there is still a bit of backend oak tannin here, they are less obtrusive today in comparison to the 2015, and with a steak, I would have no difficulty drinking the 2014 Reserva tonight. It really is a very well-made wine (though again, less new oak would make it even more impressive!). 2021-2045+."

**93 points** *View from the Cellar*; John Gilman - Issue #92 March/April 2021

"Opaque garnet. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red and dark berries, incense, candied flowers and vanilla, and hints of exotic spices and smoky minerals emerge with air. Sweet and energetic on the palate, offering intense black raspberry, cherry, rose pastille and spiced flavors that put on weight with air, with no loss of vivacity. The spicy note drives an impressively long, juicy finish that features supple tannins and an echo of cherry preserves. 2022 – 2032."

**93 points** *Vinous*; Josh Reynolds - February 2021

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