

Viña Otano Graciano Reserva 2014 (Red Wine)



This winery is run by third generation winegrowers. The current owner, Oscar Montaña's, grandfather started working in wine in 1910. Vineyards range in age from 30 to 55+ years old. Fruit comes from a combination of estate grown fruit and fruit grown under contract and winery direction from two distinct areas within Rioja Alta. All fruit is hand harvested. The current winery was built in 1989 incorporating stainless steel tanks and refrigeration. Their cellars have storage for over 50,000 cases of wine.

Appellation	Rioja D.O.Ca.
Grapes	100% Graciano from 50+ year old bush vines
Altitude / Soil	450 meters / Calcareous clay
Farming Methods	Traditional Methods, no herbicide use
Harvest	Hand harvested into small baskets
Production	destemmed grapes were fermented and macerated with skins for 30 days
Aging	Aged 24 months in French oak barrels
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Reviews: "I absolutely adored this wine, and my guess is that the winemaking team did also, and quite possibly bottled it as a varietal Graciano wine because they couldn't bear to pour the barrels of this into a blend. It was not cold stabilized, and has thrown plenty of (utterly harmless) tartaric crystals unlike the other red releases from this house, which may offer further evidence for the idea that this was a labor of love in the winery. In any case, the toast and spice on the nose let you know you're in Rioja, but the plush, soft, ultra-inviting texture and the open fruit flavors reveal a wine that's quite distinctive for the region. After displaying lovely aromas of ripe fruit and restrained oak and light floral scents, it shows beautiful deep color and excellent physical density. The fruit is exceptionally pure and charmingly sweet (but not sugary), and this sweetness keeps the polished tannins at bay through the very persistent, completely charming finish. This gets better with time and air, but mostly because it gets more integrated, not because it needs to open or soften much, and frankly, it is also delicious as soon as you can get it out of the bottle and into a glass. It may get better in the years ahead, but it earned its score of 94 based on sheer deliciousness right now." **94 points Wine Review Online**; Michael Franz – November 3, 2020

"The Montaña family makes this from graciano grown on bush vines that are more than 40 years old, planted in clay-limestone soils. The variety, mostly used in small percentages to add color and fragrance to a blend, provides a radical view of Rioja in this beautifully ripened 2014. It has the fresh scent of a conifer forest and savory notes of woodland mushrooms. The tannins are smooth and deliciously rich without in any way diminishing the vibrancy of the fruit, a scent of green figs adding depth to the dark, spicy flavors." **93 points Wine & Spirits Magazine**; December 2020

"This 100% Graciano wine shows light tannins and bright acidity that line the citrus zest, pomegranate seed and sour cherry flavors. Delicious in its youth, this has both the weight and tension to cellar well for the next decade. Drink 2020-2028."

90 points Washington Wine Blog; Dr. Owen J. Bargreen, CS - July 2020

