

Viña Otano Gran Reserva 2012 (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	80% Tempranillo 15% Graciano 5% Mazuelo
Altitude / Soil	625-650 meters / calcareous clay
Farming Methods	Sustainable farming methods
Harvest	Hand harvested into small baskets
Production	The destemmed grapes were fermented and macerated with skins for 30 days with a twice a day pump-overs.
Aging	Aged for 24 months in French and American oak barrels, racked every 6 months. Aged a further 36 months in bottle before release
Pack / UPC / SCC	12 / 8-422938-102731 /

Reviews: *The 2012 vintage has not yet been reviewed. Reviews for 2010 vintage below:*

"Ruby-red. Fresh cherry, vanilla, coconut and spicecake on the assertively perfumed nose. Juicy and focused on the palate, offering a vibrant, seductively sweet red berry liqueur flavor plus suggestions of candied flowers, vanilla and smoky minerals. Closes spicy, supple and very long, with smooth tannins building slowly and folding into the wine's energetic red fruit. This sexy, still-youthful Rioja, which was aged for two years in a combination of new and used French and American oak, should age slowly and gracefully." **92 points Vinous Media;** The many facets of Rioja - November 2015

"The bouquet is pure and complex, wafting from the glass in a very pretty blend of black cherries, Rioja spice tones, cigar smoke, a fine base of soil, a touch of toasted coconut and a gentle topnote of cedar. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very suave on the attack, with a lovely core, fine focus and grip, and still a fair bit of backend tannin in need of resolution on the long and promising finish. This is beautifully balanced and is quite approachable today, but it really deserves a bit more bottle age to allow the tannins to fade a bit more. Impressive juice. 2021-2055+."

91+ points View from the Cellar; January/February 2017

