

Viña Otano Gran Reserva White 2010 (White 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% Viura from 95-year-old vines
Altitude / Soil	650 meters / Calcareous clay
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested into small baskets
Production	Alcoholic and Malolactic fermentation in new french oak barrels - 300L
Aging	Aged for 36 months in French oak barrels
UPC / SCC / Pack	8422938002420 / / 6

Reviews: "I confess that very few white wines from Rioja provide much excitement for me, but this is a fantastic exception to the rule. If you looked at the Vintage date: and saw 2010, you might head in either of two direction: optimism, as this was a truly great year in Spain generally and in Rioja in particular, or pessimism, as we're talking about a decade-old white wine. Trust me, optimism is the right turn, as this is not only still in good shape, but is actually only now entering its prime, with at least another five years of improvement ahead of it.... The wood mostly lends aromatic complexity, with some lovely spicy and toasty notes. Rich but not heavy, it is very complex,... as the wine develops very dramatically over the course of multiple hours, and shows different facets all along the way. Believe it or not, it is actually much, much more interesting after a few hours of aeration, and likewise better at room temperature than when pulled from the refrigerator. ...Very few white wines from Rioja deserve to be whispered in the same breath as those from Lopez Heredia, but this one deserves to be shouted at the same time. This producer also turns out a very good Barrel Fermented Rioja Blanco, and I scored the 2017 at \$22, but still recommend that you steal another \$28 to trade up to the 2010 Gran Reserva, which is a truly great wine."

95 points Wine Review Online; October 2020

"It is starting to really blossom nicely on the nose at ten years of age, wafting from the glass in a blend of lemon, breadfruit, salty soil tones, dried flowers, incipient notes of orange peel and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a lovely core of fruit, excellent mineral drive, still a fine girdle of acidity and a long, poised and perfectly balanced finish. This is first rate Rioja Blanco! 2020-2045."

93 points View from the Cellar; Issue #86 - March/April 2020

"Right away you are impressed by the aromatic range from kumquat zest and salted Marcona almond alongside the melon, wet stone and Japanese pear tones that all build in the glass. Once on the mouth you notice the weightless character of the wine, as this deftly glides cross the mid-palate. The silky texture entices with layers of Macadamia nut, kiwi, orange rind and shades of damp earth they all mingle on the palate. Gorgeous youth, this beautiful wine has many years ahead of it. Drink 2020-2032."

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

