

Viña Otano Crianza 2012



Winery: Union de Viticultores Riojanos

Region: Rioja D.O.Ca.

Grapes: 90% Tempranillo, 10% Mazuelo

Winery: This winery is run by third generation winegrowers. The current owners' 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.

Wine: All grapes were hand harvested into small baskets for transport to the winery. The detemmed grapes were fermented and macerated with skins for 25 days with a twice a day pump-over. Following

malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine was aged for 1 year in American and French oak barrels.

Reviews: "Bright ruby-red. Powerful, precise smoke- and spice-accented red berry and floral pastille scents pick up notes of vanilla and cola with air. Sweet and expansive on the palate, offering plump black raspberry and cherry-vanilla flavors that tighten up slowly on the back half. This weighty yet lively Rioja finishes with strong thrust and smooth, mounting tannins."

90 points *Vinous*, Josh Raynolds, "The Many Facets of Rioja" November 2015

"Bright cherry and red plum flavors are juicy and lively in this fresh red. Citrusy acidity, leafy notes and a spicy finish add complexity. Light, with moderate tannins and good balance. Drink now through 2020."

88 points *Wine Spectator* Issue 4010, November 2015



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