

# Viña Otano Gran 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 95+ 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.

<b>Appellation</b>	Rioja D.O.Ca.
<b>Grapes</b>	80% Tempranillo 15% Graciano 5% Mazuelo
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	625-650 meters / calcareous clay
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Sustainable farming methods
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small baskets
<b>Production</b>	The destemmed grapes were fermented and macerated with skins for 30 days with a twice a day pump-overs.
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 24 months in French and American oak barrels, racked every 6 months. Aged a further 36 months in bottle before release
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8422938001225 / 08422938001225 / 12

## Reviews:

"All of the red Viña Otano wines show excellent continuity in style despite being sourced from different vintages and, in the case of the lovely Graciano, even different grape varieties, which is certainly indicative of skillful winemaking. This is soft, open and modestly wooded but still recognizably regional in character, yet not dogmatically traditional. There's more evident spice and toast notes from oak than in the Reserva, as is appropriate at the Gran Reserva level, yet the balance with fruit is just right... the oak shows itself aromatically, but then seems to "step aside" to let the fruit take center stage on the palate, but then returns to take a bow as the wine finishes, firming up the aftertaste without foreshortening it... the flavors are perfectly clean, with no hint of the oxidation or brett than can mar Gran Reservas from some other Rioja bodegas. This is delicious already, and will only get better for the next decade."

**94 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz – Issue: November 2020

"Deep red-violet to the eye, this wine has a nose of fruits of the wood and forest floor. Powerful tannins coat the tongue and gums with flavors of black cherry, raspberry, milk chocolate, mint and violet. Despite the depth of the tannins, a sense of bright fruit remains on the palate through the lengthy finish."

**93 points Wine Enthusiast;** Mike DeSimone– November 2022

"Vivid ruby. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes spice-accented red and dark berries, cherry preserves, vanilla, pungent flowers and pipe tobacco. Seamless and lively on the palate, offering vibrant black raspberry, bitter cherry and mocha flavors braced by a core of juicy acidity. Displays impressive finishing energy, discreet tannins and a lingering spicecake note... 2023 – 2032" **93 points Vinous;** Josh Reynolds – April 2021

"[The] 2014 Gran Reserva is a pretty ripe wine at 14.5 percent octane... delivering a fine, youthful nose of cherries, raspberries, clove-like spices, cigar wrapper, a fine base of soil and a nice touch of oak, with both coconutty tones from American wood and cedar from French wood in evidence. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied... with a fine core of fruit, good soil signature, ripe, moderate tannins and impressive length and grip on the complex and ever so slightly warm finish. I would love to see this wine a half point lower in octane, but it is beautifully made and even at 14.5 percent, it is a really fine example of Rioja!..."

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

