## Viña Otano 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 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.

Appellation	Rioja D.O.Ca.
Grapes	85% Tempranillo 10% Graciano 5% Mazuelo
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 2 years in French and American oak and then for 30 months in bottle prior to release

**Reviews**:

"Ruby-red. Fresh, spice-accented red berries, vanilla and a hint of woodsmoke on the fragrant nose. Smooth and silky in texture, offering energetic raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that slowly spread out and become sweeter as the wine opens up. Finishes long and supple, displaying no obvious tannins and strong, red-fruit-driven persistence. 2018 – 2023." **91 Points Vinous Media;** New Releases from Spain Part 1 - January 2017

"Scents of roses and umeboshi plums introduce this lean, peppery Rioja Alta red. Its dark fruit bursts out of the tight, oak-driven tannins with the crunch of pomegranate seeds and the red fruit flavor they might leave behind. Firm and spicy, this wine is ready for roast duck."

90 Points Wine & Spirits Magazine; December 2018 – Year's Best / Best Buy

"This wine's earthy berry aromas include a touch of mint and chocolate. It has a crisp mouthfeel, with plum and citrus fruit. It's potently woody on the finish." **88 Points** *The Wine Enthusiast;* August 2018

"The bouquet is quite marked by its new oak, but shows good depth of fruit underneath in its mélange of red and black cherries, salty Rioja soil tones, clove-like spices, a touch of toasted coconut and plenty of spicy new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and nicely plush on the attack, with a fine core, lovely focus and grip and just a bit too much new oak tannin perking up the long and nascently complex finish...the wine has serious depth and may be able to absorb its wood tannins with further bottle age, and even though the balance is not ideal today, I could still easily drink this wine, given how beautiful the fruit and soil tones are here under the oak. This is a half-step away from an absolutely stunning wine- all that needs to be improved is better handling of the wood! 2017-2035" **87-91 points View from the Cellar;** June 8, 2017



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