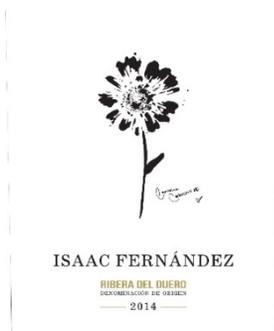


# Isaac Fernandez Ribera del Duero (Reserva) 2014 (red wine)



This wine is produced from 60-year-old vines of Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) that was planted in calcareous clay with abundant gravel in the surface using the traditional Gobelet system and aged for 30 months in a combination of 90% French and 10 American oak barrels. All new. This wine combines power, balance, and elegance. It has a superior bouquet of plums, red and black cherries, cigar wrapper, notes of lavender, a fine base of soil and lovely spice framing of new oak. On the palate it is pure, ripe, full-bodied and outstanding mid-palate depth, well-integrated tannins, excellent focus and complexity with a very classy finish and a tremendous potential to age in bottle.

<b>Appellation</b>	Ribera del Duero D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), from 60 years old vines (in Gobelet) from Pagos de La Calabaza vineyard
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	900 meters / Mainly and predominantly calcareous, with a slight appearance of clay-loam soils
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested fruit starting first week of October
<b>Production</b>	Grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed prior to fermentation with native microbes, 2 weeks of skin maceration
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 30 months in a combination of 90% French and 10% American oak barrels. All new.
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8437012498679 / 8437012498686 / 6

**Reviews:** "This is a new project from winemaking star Isaac Fernández... now available in two debut vintages imported into the USA by Aurelio Cabestrero. Both wines are wonderful already terrific despite having been aged entirely in new oak, which shows Fernández's skillful touch. They are notably different in appearance and palate performance, with this 2014 being softer and more developed... though this still has years of positive development ahead of it. Both the aromas and flavors are wonderfully open, with scents and flavors that offer balanced expressions of fruit (with both red and black tones), oak-sourced suggestions of toast, spices and woodsmoke, and savory accents recalling cocoa powder, tobacco leaf and damp earth. This is rich enough to stand up to the most robust foods, but make no mistake: this is no stupid bruiser of a wine, but rather one of many subtleties and nuances wrapped around a core of beautifully ripened and carefully wrought fruit. I scored the 2015 a point higher based on a longer expected lifespan, but that is arguably unfair, as those owning both will probably drink this first just because it is already so easy to enjoy."

**94 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz – February 16, 2021

"The 2014 Tinto "Reserva" from Isaac Fernández hails from the same parcel of organically-farmed, sixty year-old vines and was treated the same in the cellar as the 2015, other than the fact that it was raised entirely in French oak casks in this vintage. The 2014 also tips the scales at 14.5 percent octane, but is quite a bit more developed on the nose than the 2015 version, offering up a deep and complex bouquet of dark berries, chocolate, cigar ash, a gentle note of tempranillo spice, dark soil tones and nicely integrated new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a lovely core of fruit, well-integrated tannins and a long, blossoming and very nicely balanced finish. Though there is still a bit of backend oak tannin here, they are less obtrusive today in comparison to the 2015, and with a steak, I would have no difficulty drinking the 2014 Reserva tonight. It really is a very well-made wine (though again, less new oak would make it even more impressive!). 2021-2045+."

**93 points View from the Cellar;** John Gilman - Issue #92 March/April 2021

"Opaque garnet. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red and dark berries, incense, candied flowers and vanilla, and hints of exotic spices and smoky minerals emerge with air. Sweet and energetic on the palate, offering intense black raspberry, cherry, rose pastille and spicecake flavors that put on weight with air, with no loss of vivacity. The spicy note drives an impressively long, juicy finish that features supple tannins and an echo of cherry preserves... 2022 – 2032."

**93 points Vinous;** Josh Reynolds - February 2021

