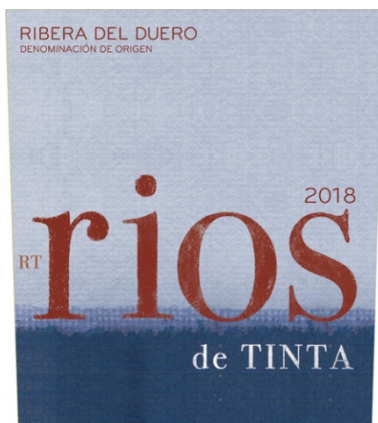


# Rios De Tinta 2018 (Red Wine)



Isaac Fernandez Seleccion is a unique collaborative venture between two individuals – Isaac Fernandez, one of Spain’s most acclaimed winemakers and Aurelio Cabestrero whose vision and commitment to Spanish wines has helped bring them forefront in the United States.

Both partners have a long history in Ribera del Duero; Isaac has made wines from Ribera fruit for over 20 years and Aurelio has relatives with a winery within the DO. They started their project in Ribera del Duero in 2010 producing two wines. Rios de Tinta or “Rivers of Ink” showcases fruit intensity balanced by soil tones in an early drinking style. It is a colloquial Spanish term for anything that produces enough buzz to be in the newspapers.

<b>Appellation</b>	Ribera del Duero D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tinta del Pais (Tempranillo), from vines between 15-20 years old
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	850 meters / sandy loam over calcareous clay
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Traditional methods
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small boxes in early October, clusters are hand sorted again at the winery prior to processing
<b>Production</b>	Grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed, 4 day cold soak, fermented with native yeasts for 10-12 days with skins
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for several months in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling, no oak.
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8437005780354 / 8437005780378 / 12

## Reviews:

“Vivid ruby. Aromas of blackberry, blueberry, violet and cola pick up a spicy overtone with air. Nicely concentrated yet lively in style, offering juicy red and dark berry flavors that show appealing sweetness. Smooth and seamless in character, finishing with repeating spiciness, supple tannins and a lingering note of red berry preserves. 2021 – 2027.”

**90 points Vinous;** Josh Raynolds – February 2021

“The 2018 Rios de Tinta is a very pretty young Ribera del Duero, offering up a bright bouquet of cherries, raspberries, cigar smoke, a nice touch of soil, spice tones and just a touch of cedary new oak. On the palate the wine is medium-full, ripe and focused, with pretty good depth at the core, just a whisper of backend tannin and nice shape and bounce on the fairly long finish. This comes in listed at fourteen percent octane, but seems perhaps just a shade higher. This is made for early drinking and is a very tasty example. 2020-2030.”

**89 points View from the Cellar;** Issue # 85 - January/February 2020

“Here’s a gulpable red wine, suitable for washing down steaks, burgers, pizza or salami. I suggest pouring a glass and setting glass and bottle aside for a half-hour to let the flavors unfurl while you sip a rosé and make dinner. According to the label, “Rios de Tinta” translates as rivers of ink, and this wine is, indeed, inky dark. The grape is tinta del pais, a local name for tempranillo. The wine offers meaty aromas and flavors, with a hint of dark berries and tobacco leaf.”

**2 Stars (Excellent) The Washington Post;** April 24, 2020

