

# Viña Otano Gran Reserva White 2010 (White 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>	95% Viura and 5% Garnacha Blanca from 95-year-old vines
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	650 meters / Calcareous clay
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small baskets
<b>Production</b>	Alcoholic and Malolactic fermentation in new French oak barrels - 300L
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 36 months in French oak barrels
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8422938002420 / 08422938002420 / 6

## Reviews:

"I confess that very few white wines from Rioja provide much excitement for me, but this is a fantastic exception to the rule. If you looked at the Vintage date: and saw 2010, you might head in either of two direction: optimism, as this was a truly great year in Spain generally and in Rioja in particular, or pessimism, as we're talking about a decade-old white wine. Trust me, optimism is the right turn,... The wood mostly lends aromatic complexity, with some lovely spicy and toasty notes. Rich but not heavy, it is very complex,... Believe it or not, it is actually much, much more interesting after a few hours of aeration, and likewise better at room temperature than when pulled from the refrigerator. ...Very few white wines from Rioja deserve to be whispered in the same breath as those from Lopez Heredia, but this one deserves to be shouted at the same time. This producer also turns out a very good Barrel Fermented Rioja Blanco, and I scored the 2017 at \$22, but still recommend that you steal another \$28 to trade up to the 2010 Gran Reserva, which is a truly great wine."

**95 points** *Wine Review Online*; October 2020

"Light, bright gold. Smoky, mineral-accented orchard and pit fruit aromas show excellent clarity and take on a suave floral overtone with air. Chewy and sharply focused on the palate, offering pear skin, nectarine, anise and honey flavors underscored by a touch of vanilla. The impressively persistent finish is sharpened by hints of bitter quinine and smoky minerals and shows a hint of chamomile and a briny element. Aged for 30 months in 85% French and 15% American oak barrels. 2021 – 2027"

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

"It is starting to really blossom nicely on the nose at ten years of age, wafting from the glass in a blend of lemon, breadfruit, salty soil tones, dried flowers, incipient notes of orange peel and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a lovely core of fruit, excellent mineral drive, still a fine girdle of acidity and a long, poised and perfectly balanced finish. This is first rate Rioja Blanco! 2020-2045."

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

"Right away you are impressed by the aromatic range from kumquat zest and salted Marcona almond alongside the melon, wet stone and Japanese pear tones that all build in the glass. Once on the mouth you notice the weightless character of the wine, as this deftly glides cross the mid-palate. The silky texture entices with layers of Macadamia nut, kiwi, orange rind and shades of damp earth they all mingle on the palate. Gorgeous to enjoy in its youth, this beautiful wine has many years ahead of it. Drink 2020-2032."

**93 points** *Washington Wine Blog*; Dr. Owen J. Bargreen, CS - July 2020

