

Viña Otano Reserva 2018 (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	600-650 meters / Calcareous clay
FarmingMethods	Sustainable Methods
Harvest	Hand harvested into small baskets
Production	The destemmed grapes were fermented with skins for 30 days; twice a day pump-overs that last approximately one hour.
Aging	Aged for 18 months in French and American oak barrels, racked every 6 months. Aged a further 30 months in bottle before release.
UPC/SCC/PackSize	8422938000655 / 08422938000655 / 12

Reviews:

"The outstanding 2018 'Reserva' was stored for 18 months in a combination of both French and American oak barrels before bottling. It combines 85% Tempranillo with 10% Graciano and 5% Mazuelo. It comes off elegant, with rich dark fruits that mingle well with chocolate, fresh sage and rocky nuances. Drink 2025-2034."

93 OwenBargreen.com; Owen Bargreen- December 4, 2025

"Viña Otano's 2018 Rioja "Reserva" is crafted this year from a cépages of eighty-five percent tempranillo, ten percent graciano and five percent mazuelo, with all of the grapes picked by hand. The wine was aged for eighteen months in a combination of French and American oak casks, with rackings every six months and then aged another two and a half years in bottle prior to release. It is a ripe wine in the style of the 2018 vintage, coming in at 14.5 percent octane and delivering a deep and complex bouquet of dark berries, coffee bean, Rioja spice tones, a fine base of soil, cigar smoke and a nice mix of oak influences from the casks' two countries of origin. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very nicely balanced for its octane level, with the start of a velvety palate impression on the attack, a fine core of black fruit, lovely soil undertow and grip, buried tannins and fine focus on the long, complex and classy finish. There is perhaps just a whisper of backend heat here, but it is so subtle that I have little doubt that this wine will age splendidly. 2035-2075+.."

92 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman - Issue #117 May-June 2025.

