



GRAN RESERVA 2018



A winemaking marvel for enthusiasts of exceptional, historic Rioja wines, Ramón Bilbao Gran Reserva is crafted only in outstanding vintages. It features grapes carefully selected for their ideal balance of ripeness and acidity, enabling extended ageing.

D.O.C.a. VARIETIES

Rioja. 90% tempranillo, 5% graciano and 5% mazuelo.

TERROIR

In the far northwest of La Rioja, at the foot of the Sierra Cantabria and on the left bank of the Ebro River, are the vineyards for our Gran Reserva. The plots are characterized by their balance and natural regulation, sitting on alluvial soils in the Carrapeciña (Labastida) estate and on calcareous soils combined with clay in Caramonte (Ábalos).

2018 VINTAGE

A vintage with an Atlantic character, marked by a vegetative cycle that began with snowfalls and a cold, extreme, long, and rainy winter. Budding and setting developed generously. To optimize the vineyard's development, leaf removal and green harvesting techniques were applied in the La Recilla, Ozaku, and La Olivera vineyards, located in the municipalities of Ábalos, Labastida, Briones, San Asensio, and Zarratón.

WINEMAKING

Selection of grapes from 60- to 65-year-old vineyards, chosen for their specific acidity and pH characteristics that promote longevity. The winemaking process begins with fermentation in stainless steel tanks and continues with an aging period of 30 months in first, second, and third-use American oak barrels. Finally, the wine has an additional 48 months of reductive aging in the bottle.

STYLE

It is a very complex wine, with a marked presence of oak owing to its extensive ageing, with aromas of ripe fruit and notes of biscuit, nougat, and cocoa. The wine has a long and persistent finish, showcasing good acidity and well-integrated tannins.

PAIRING

Perfect match for red meat, mature cheeses, and barbecues.

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Tim Atkin

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Peñín

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