

La Rioja Alta, S.A.



VIÑA ALBERDI 2009

THE HARVEST

The growing cycle went well both in terms of canopy growth and health. The winter provided abundant water supplies, enabling the grapes to reach the end of the cycle in good condition despite significant heat and drought during the summer. Rain in mid September slowed down grape ripening, resulting in good alcoholic and phenolic balance. It was a decisive turning point, resulting in a high-quality vintage. From that date we enjoyed favourable weather until the end of the harvest. This allowed the grapes to reach optimum ripeness in excellent condition, with a total absence of pests and disease. The official rating of this vintage was Very Good.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Tempranillo from our estates in Rodezno and Labastida. These vineyards are located at an altitude of 500-600 metres above sea level, planted more than three decades ago in chalky-clay soils.

VINIFICATION

Fermentations took place at temperatures below 28 °C, lasting 15 days. After alcoholic fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation over a period of 39 days. It was then aged for 2 years in American oak barrels —the first year in new oak and the second in barrels averaging 3 years in age. The wine was manually racked four times by the light of a candle. Bottled in March 2012.

TASTING

Medium-depth, cherry red, with a clean, bright pink rim. Intense nose, ruled by fruity notes, forest strawberries and red berries enveloping a core of caramel, liquorice, vanilla and cocoa. Outstanding structure in the mouth. Well-balanced acidity, with fine, gentle tannins. Vibrant and lively aftertaste with an elegant acidity.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Viña Alberdi is characterised by its food-pairing versatility. As a result, it is an ideal companion to appetisers, snacks and barbecues, perfect with rice, pasta and creams, and great with lightly-grilled meat and fish.

- Alcohol content: 13.5% Vol.
- Total Acidity: 5.1 g/l (tartaric acid)
- Volatile Acidity: 0.75 g/l (acetic acid)
- TPI: 55

➤ Serving temperature: 17 °C

➤ Available in:



150 cl

75 cl

37.5 cl

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