

Marques de Murrieta Reserva 2018



Region

The region of La Rioja lends its name to Spain's most widely recognised wines. Rioja is split by three major districts; Alta and Alavesa to the north, which are higher in altitude and the hot dry Oriental district to the south (previously known as Rioja Baja). Tempranillo, Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuelo are the main red grape varieties used however more international varieties can also be used. The traditional aging classification system gives Rioja wines their distinctive style through the influence of extended ageing in oak barrels.

Producer

The origins of the Bodegas can be traced back to 1848, when the Marques, Luciano de Murrieta travelled to Bordeaux to learn the art of winemaking. However it was not until 1878 that he purchased the Ygay estate, situated close to the city of Logrono. Today the business is still in family control, owning some 300 hectares of vineyards in the Rioja Alta.

Tasting Notes

Marques de Murrieta Reserva is a blend of Tempranillo, Mazuelo, Graciano and Grenache grown in Rioja Alta at altitudes between 320 and 485m. The varietals are fermented separately in stainless steel tanks before being aged for 16 months in American oak barrels. The result is a rich and harmonious wine, with notes of cherries, balsamic, chocolate, vanilla and a hint of eucalyptus.

Food

Grilled and baked scallop with red wine sauce and truffled liquid potato. Twice-cooked sea bass, sweet onion, apple and foie mousse and fine velouté. Roast breast of Mallard duck, crispy potato and borage flower. Soft cow's milk cheese and truffled Brie.

Technical Information

Country	Spain	Dry/Sweet Style	Not applicable
Region	Rioja	Alcohol Content	14%
Grape(s)	Tempranillo (87%) Graciano (6%) Mazuelo (5%) Garnacha (2%)	Closure Style	Cork
Type	Red	Organic/Biodynamic	No
Style	Complex	Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Oaked Style	Oaked	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: No Vegan: No
Body Style	Full bodied		
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices		



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