



URBINA GRAN RESERVA | VINTAGE RIOJA



VINTAGE: 2004

PRODUCER: Bodegas Pedro Benito Urbina

LOCATION: Cuzcurrita del Rio Tirón

APPELLATION: Rioja Alta

VARIETALS: 90% Tempranillo, 5% Mazuelo, 5% Graciano

AGEING: 24 months in American oak + 36 months in the bottle before release.

ALCOHOL: 14.3%

TASTING NOTES:

The 2004 Gran Reserva – the best vintage so far in the XXI century – is medium ruby colored with a lovely bouquet, remarkably complex, savory and scented with notes of wild strawberries, forest floor and pouch tobacco, filigree tannins and haunting balsamic sweetness.

PRODUCTION: 6,000 cases

SRP: \$60 | 93 Pts Vinous

BODEGAS URBINA

Founded in 1870, Bodegas Urbina stands out in Rioja for their dedication to the traditional style of Rioja and their unmatched expertise in ageing techniques. Their large cellar allows them to hold on to wines until they are ready for drinking. Their perfection of ageing techniques lets them put this large cellaring capacity to use. When released, their wines show all the benefits and complexity of quality oak ageing while still showing off vibrant red fruit of much younger wines. Today, Bodegas Urbina has 70 estate-owned hectares in the prestigious Rioja Alta appellation and is run by 4th-generation winemakers and brothers Angel, Pedro and Santiago.

ABOUT RIOJA ALTA

Rioja Alta is the westernmost of the 3 Rioja sub-regions. The climate is largely similar to that of Rioja Alavesa to the north and the vineyards here are located at higher altitudes than in Rioja Baja to the southeast, assisting in the accumulation of acidity, color and moderate alcohol levels. The soil has a healthy mix of clay, iron and alluvial components, giving it a redder color than its northern neighbor's sandy white soils. When compared with Rioja Alavesa, these wines tend to be lighter in body and lower in acid, with the emphasis on elegance.