

Viña Otano Crianza 2011



Winery: Union de Viticultores Riojanos

Region: Rioja D.O.Ca.

Grapes: 90% Tempranillo, 10% Mazuelo

Winery: This winery is run by third generation winegrowers. The current owners' grandfather started working in wine in 1910. Vineyards range in age from 30 to 55+ 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.

Wine: All grapes were hand harvested into small baskets for transport to the winery. The detemmed grapes were fermented and macerated with skins for 25 days with a twice a day pump-over. Following

malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks, the wine was aged for 1 year in American and French oak barrels.

Reviews:

“Ruby-red. Complex aromas of red berries, cherry, spicecake, rose oil and smoky minerals. Delicate red berry and floral pastille flavors show a pinot-like quality, with a mineral note adding lift. This nicely balanced, pure Rioja finishes silky, seamless and long, with barely perceptible tannins.”

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