

1998 Gran Reserva 904

La Rioja Alta S.A., Rioja Wine Region, Spain

Product details

Vintage:	1998	Drinking:	Now 2030
Producer:	La Rioja Alta S.A.	Alcohol:	
Region:	Rioja Wine Region	Variety:	
Country:	Spain		

Tasting notes

Tasted in October 2014. The 904 Gran Reserva 1998 brings out the best of the vintage; one of Rioja Alta's finest in the 90s, as displayed by the quality of the 890 release from the same year. The nose exhibits dark and rich notes of dried berries, purple flowers, tobacco, vanilla and the smallest note of orange rind. The palate is smooth and silky with redcurrant and cherry dominating the fruit profile that is accompanied by notes of cloves, spice and soft tannins. The finish has a delightful lingering floral quality that encapsulates a wine currently in perfect balance and ready to enjoy.

About the producer

Formed by five families in the late 19th century, the La Rioja Alta S.A. winery is one of the most iconic names in Fine Wine, and a benchmark for the traditional style of Rioja. Their Tempranillo-led reds are aged for remarkably long periods in barrels from the producer's cooperage, and they are one of the last remaining producers to rack their wines by hand and by candlelight - which they do every six months. While they always upheld standards and tradition, La Rioja Alta S.A. never stopped experimenting and pushing for better quality, offering some of the purest, more precise expressions of Tempranillo in the world.

