



ZINIO
B O D E G A S



RIOJA RESERVA - DOCa Rioja

Rioja Alta 2017

GRAPE VARIETY
100% Tempranillo

THE VINEYARDS

Zinio Rioja Reserva comes from 70+ year old bush vines, grown in our lowest yielding vineyards at altitudes over 1900 feet. The Tempranillo grows in very poor calcareous clay soils. The low yields help concentrate the flavors with high phenolic concentration for superior aromas and color.

THE VINTAGE

The 2017 harvest began with low rainfall in the winter months, followed by early bud break in the spring. Late frosts also reduced yields in the vineyard. By summer, punctual rains and suitable weather conditions in August alleviated water stress and led to an early harvest in September. We considered the small berries to be in perfect balance, and produced an excellent vintage.

WINEMAKING

The first selection (sorting) is done in the vineyard. We then hand sort a second time in the winery. The grapes are destemmed and crushed for cold maceration to extract color and phenolics prior the alcoholic fermentation. We keep the skins in contact with the grape must for about two weeks for further structure. Our Reserva goes through malolactic fermentation before aging to soften the final wine. Zinio Reserva stays 18 months in French and American oak barrels, toasted under specific guidance of our winemaker. This Reserva has spent the last two years in bottles to gain balance and roundness.

IN THE GLASS

Look for flavors of dried cherries and sandalwood with a very attractive nose that combines ripe fruit with sweet spices and aromatic herbs such as thyme and rosemary. It also features hints of coconut, toffee, chocolate and cacao. On the palate it is meaty and it renders a long finish.



STORK CONSERVATION

For centuries storks have nested in Uruñuela, and they are an important part of the landscape and culture in Rioja Alta. That is why we chose to use the storks on our label, and are also committed to protecting them for future generations.

Varietal: Tempranillo

Oak: French & American

Production: 2000 cases

Alc. 14.5%