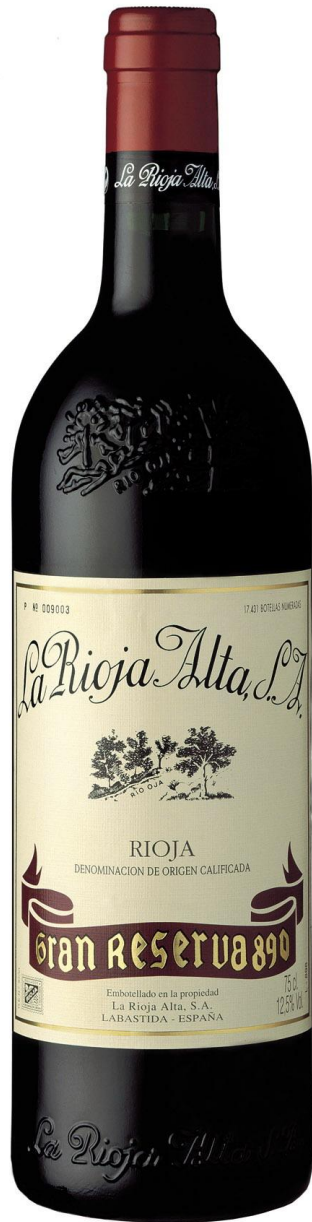


La Rioja Alta, S.A.

Gran Reserva 890 - Vintage 1995



- Alcohol content: 12.7%
- Dry extract: 32.75 g/l
- Total acidity: 6.22 g/l (tartaric)
- Volatile acidity: 0.94 g/l (acetic)

➤ Best served at: 18°C.

➤ Available in:



75 cl.

The Rioja DOC (www.riojawine.com)

Rainfall distribution was perfect during the growth cycle and this, together with the otherwise ideal weather conditions, ensured that the vineyards were at their best. The summer was hot, with little rain, so turning was about 20 days earlier than in previous years. September brought moderate daytime temperatures and very cool nights, so the grapes ripened perfectly in the usual conditions. They were harvested and taken to the winery in an excellent condition on October 19 and 20. The low night time temperatures led to very cold musts, delaying the start of the alcoholic fermentation process and favouring natural pre-fermentative maceration, enhancing the wine's aromatic component.

The vineyard and the grapes

96% tempranillo from Briñas, Labastida and Villalba, graciano (3%) and the rest mazuelo from our Melchorón I and II vineyards (Rodezno).

Ageing

After the alcoholic and malolactic fermentation process, which lasted for 15 days at controlled temperatures (30°C), the wine was transferred to American oak casks in June, 1996. After 6 years of ageing in the cask and 12 manual racking processes, it was bottled in July, 2002. In order to preserve its aromatic components, this wine was not filtered and went directly from the cask to the bottle.

Tasting notes

This vintage is characterised by its brick red colour, with golden hints on the edge of the glass and a darker robe than previous years. It is aromatically intense, with an elegant bouquet developed during its long stay in the bottle. Roasted and balsamic notes, with a touch of vanilla and cinnamon on a background of ripe fruit. Inviting and full bodied to the palate, it is well balanced, with the silky tannins resulting from its long ageing process in the cask and bottle.

Persistent and complex aftertaste. This wine will keep beautifully as one of the vintage's great Riojas.



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