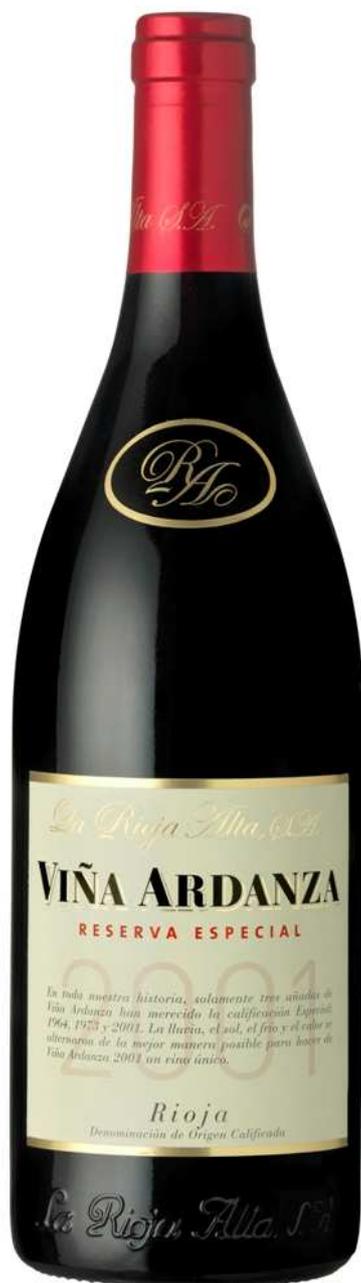




La Rioja Alta, S.A.

VIÑA ARDANZA 2001 Reserva Especial



- Alcohol content: 13,5%
- Total Acidity: 6,1 g/l (tartaric)
- Volatile Acidity: 0,80 g/l (acetic)
- pH: 3,58

➤ Best served at 17 °C, 63° F

➤ Available in:



150 cl.



75 cl.



37,5 cl.

THE 2001 HARVEST IN THE RIOJA DOC

Low in quantity but **exceptional** in quality. The good temperatures favoured the fruit's development in excellent health. Together with grain size, this enabled us to make wines with intense colouring and complex aromas, ideal for long ageing process. The *Garnacha* in Rioja Baja was also intense in colour, with typical aromas and a balanced structure, suggesting singular quality.

COMPOSITION

80% is *Tempranillo* and 20% *Garnacha*. The 30-year old Viña Ardanza vineyard is at Fuenmayor, in Rioja Alta, where the *Tempranillo* originates. The *Garnacha* is from Rioja Baja.

PRODUCTION

Alcoholic fermentation took place for 14 days in stainless steel tanks. The malolactic fermentation process was over in 21 days. After being transferred, the wine went into casks in March 2002. It spent 36 months in American oak an average of 3 years old, and was raked by hand on 6 occasions. Bottling took place in September 2005.

TASTING NOTES

Clear and brilliant dark cherry red. Medium-high robe, with an incipient iodine tone on the rim of the glass. Intense, spicy and balsamic aromas, including coconut, vanilla, cinnamon and mint chocolate, over dry nuts. Its refined and complex bouquet is reminiscent of the brand's mythical vintages, especially 1964. Structured and balanced to the palate, with silky tannins. A pleasant, sophisticated after taste, which fills the mouth with never-ending sensations which time will enhance. Especially suitable for roast lamb, grilled chops, game and rabbit, fish cooked in sauce and smoked and well-cured cheese.

NEW IMAGE FOR A "RESERVA ESPECIAL"

Only the 1964 and 1973 vintages of Viña Ardanza had previously been classified as "Reserva Especial". This wine, which will be remembered for many years, is also worthy of this distinction. To celebrate, it is available in a new, more modern presentation (label, neck label and capsule), albeit with the old Viña Ardanza spirit.

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