

2001 Gran Reserva 890 Seleccion Especial

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

Product details

Vintage:	2001	Drinking:	Now 2026
Producer:	La Rioja Alta S.A.	Alcohol:	
Region:	Rioja Wine Region	Variety:	Tempranillo
Country:	Spain		

Tasting notes

Poised, structured and brooding with hints of raspberry fruit peeking out behind the sumptuously rich, silky and suave profile. This will certainly benefit from ageing but it is not a crime to open one today. There are already hints of secondary development and the savoury, iron-y, umami character of great Rioja is now there alongside the rich, delicious fruit. This is very special, one of the best 890s we can remember. A momentous wine.

Reviews

It shows (even) younger and more concentrated than the 2004 904, a darker shade of red and a somehow backward and reticent nose (relatively speaking) of forest floor, cold bonfire, antique shop, truffles, game, sandalwood, nutmeg and clove. The fruit is also a little darker and the palate more austere, but still showing vibrant and supple, with clean flavors and a great finish. This is my favorite modern time 890. Bravo! Drink 2016-2026. Score: 95 points Luis Gutierrez for Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

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.

