

## 2014 Gran Reserva Viña Arana Gift Box

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

### Product details

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<b>Vintage:</b>	2014	<b>Drinking:</b>	2020 2028
<b>Producer:</b>	La Rioja Alta S.A.	<b>Alcohol:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>	Rioja Wine Region	<b>Variety:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	Spain		

### Tasting notes

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This has amazing aromatics: sweet blackberry and black cherry fruit with dried herbs, tar and spice, as well as some hints of vanilla and coconut, and sweet tobacco, too. The palate is juicy and supple, but also quite profound, showing cherries, berries, spice, sweet herbs, some cedar and coconut from the oak, and a lovely sense of harmony and precision. It's a ripe wine, but shows such complexity and focus, with everything pulling in the right direction. I'm just so impressed with this wine: in its style - classical Rioja - it is just about perfect, and is beginning to enter a very long drinking window. So complex and layered and refined.

**96 points, Dr Jamie Goode, [wineanorak.com](http://wineanorak.com)**

### Reviews

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*"Old-fashioned Rioja at its glorious best"*

**Tim Atkins MW, [Wine of the Week](#)**

*"One of the most outrageously enjoyable wines I've had in months [...] Make no mistake, a claret or burgundy of this quality and this maturity would be at least twice the price."*

**Johnny Ray, [The Spectator](#)**

*"I'm just so impressed with this wine: in its style - classical Rioja - it is just about perfect"*

**96 points, Jamie Goode, [WineAnorak](#)**

*"This wine is one of the most rewarding and classically-shaped wines I have tasted from this property in a long while and the fact that bottles only cost £35 makes this release an even more compelling proposition. [...] It is the epitome of historic Rioja"*

**Matthew Jukes, [Wednesday Wine](#)**

*"This Vina Arana Gran Reserva 2014 from La Rioja Alta is dynamite [...] Hard to think of a wine that offers so much complexity for the money"*

**Henry Jeffreys (Wine writer for BBC Good Food and The Spectator), [Instagram](#)**

### About the producer

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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.