

2016 Viña Ardanza

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

Product details

Vintage:	2016	Drinking:	Now 2030
Producer:	La Rioja Alta S.A.	Alcohol:	14.50%
Region:	Rioja Wine Region	Variety:	Tempranillo
Country:	Spain		

Reviews

"Against all odds, I found the 2016 to be fresher than the 2015 and less developed, despite the fact that winemaker Julio Sáenz told me he considers it a warmer year. But I have found many wines I like in 2016, and the wine feels very clean and quite harmonious, younger and less developed, with more primary notes and a velvety mouthfeel."

94+ points, Luis Gutiérrez, the Wine Advocate

"This classy Rioja opens with a nose of strawberry jam, dried cranberries and red plum alongside pronounced coconut and dill. The comforting and silky palate melds Figgy Pudding with darker berries. Expertly delivered, with a long life ahead of it yet."

95 points, Gold Medal, International Wine & Spirits Challenge 2021

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.

