

2010 Burgo Viejo Gran Reserva Spain – La Rioja – DOC Rioja

ABOUT THE WINERY

Six families of farmers founded Bodegas Burgo Viejo in 1987 (with the next generation coming on-board, it is now sixteen families working together). Burgo Viejo's main asset has always been their exquisite winemaking process, using grapes collected from its own vineyards, going back to the times when they were just a wine cellar selling in bulk (they started as a cooperative in the 1950's). Gorka Etxebarria is the leading winemaker and has been working with Burgo Viejo since December 2003.

The vineyards measure 200 hectares – 494 acres – spread throughout the municipality of Alfaro, La Rioja, Spain at the foothills of Yerga Mountain, on the banks of the fertile Ebro Valley. This area offers a huge diversity of soils and microclimates where the grape varietals, Tempranillo, Mazuelo, Garnacha, Carignan, Graciano and Viura grow to become Burgo Viejo wines. Most of the vines are 30 years old; some Garnacha are over 90 years old and some young organic Graciano have been planted. Annual production is 155,500 9-liter cases.

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Burgo Viejo Gran Reserva shows a deep red ruby color and offers powerful aromas of blackberry jam, spice, leather, chocolate with toasty nuances. Smooth yet full-bodied with firm tannins and a long finish.

RATINGS

91 pts Wine & Spirits BEST BUY

Vintage	2010
Appellation	DOCa Rioja
Varietal(s)	100% Tempranillo
Age of vines	Average 30 years
Soil	Ferruginous Clay
Vinification	Destemming and light crushing of the grapes. Fermentation at controlled temperature in stainless steel tanks. Malolactic fermentation is concrete tanks. Aged 225-liter French oak barriques for 24 months.
Pairings	Red meat and game dishes.
Size	12/750ml
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