



DESDE  1924

# RAMÓN BILBAO

HARO · RIOJA ALTA

**CRIANZA**  
2013

## BACKGROUND

The finest ingredients produce the finest wines. That's still the philosophy at Ramón Bilbao, where carefully crafted grapes are selected from the best estates and vineyards in the idyllic region of Haro in Rioja Alta since 1924. Maintaining tradition is the guiding philosophy of today's Ramón Bilbao, where winemakers produce award-winning wines that embody a modern consumer-friendly style.

Rioja Crianza must be at least 2 years old before release and is aged in oak for a minimum of 12 months. Ramón Bilbao Crianza is a high quality daily drinking wine. Crianza's naturally high tannin makes a great alternative to Cabernet Sauvignon.

## APPELLATION

Rioja

## SOURCING

Rioja Alta

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Tempranillo

## WINEMAKING

Grapes are closely monitored during the growing cycle and picked at their optimal ripeness, leading to consistent quality across the range. Another key to the process is the separate fermentation of each estate and the final blending before aging. The grapes are fermented at temperatures of up to 84°F to gently extract color from the skins.

## VINTAGE NOTES

Unusual weather influenced the growing cycle. Heavy spring rains and low temperatures delayed the growing season and resulted in uneven ripening times. Fortunately, the risk posed by the two to three week delay was offset by prevailing good weather in September and October. Selective, staggered grape picking allowed the grapes to be harvested as they reached appropriate ripeness.

## TASTING NOTES

Ruby red with some signs of youth in the form of violet hues. Medium intensity aromas of fresh dark fruit like blackberries and black currants accompanied with hints of licorice. It is clean and bright on the palate with pleasant flavors of vanilla, cinnamon sticks, and wild herbs.

## TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.5                      RS 2.0 g/L  
TA 5.8 g/L                Alc. 13.5%

## WINEMAKER

Rodolfo Bastida

