



RAMÓN BILBAO

— *Rioja* —

GARNACHA

2013

BACKGROUND

The finest ingredients produce the finest wines. That's still the philosophy at Ramón Bilbao, where carefully selected grapes from the best estates and vineyards in the idyllic region of Haro in Rioja Alta have been used 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.

APPELLATION

Rioja

SOURCING

Rioja Alta

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Garnacha

WINEMAKING

Garnacha grapes sourced from vineyards planted at high altitudes show notes of freshness and acidity. Fermentation is performed in stainless steel vats under rigorous control. After malolactic fermentation, the wine is racked off into French-oak casks and aged for 14 months which adds structure and depth to the wine.

HARVEST 2013

Heavy spring rains and low temperatures delayed the growing season and resulted in uneven ripening. Fortunately, the risk to quality posed by this delay was offset by prevailing good weather in September and October which allowed for selective, staggered grape picking. Plots were harvested as the grapes reached optimal ripeness, thereby resulting in good fruit quality.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is bright garnet-red with medium-high depth of color. The nose offers predominately red-berry aromas, with hints of rosemary, thyme and spice. The palate is elegant and silky, with bright acidity and a long finish.

PAIRING

Pair with roast or grilled red meat and turkey, and dishes with rich sauces.

WINEMAKER

Rodolfo Bastida

Heart of Rioja, since 1924