



DESDE  1924

# RAMÓN BILBAO

HARO · RIOJA ALTA

**RESERVA**  
2012

## 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.

Reserva red wines must be aged for a minimum of 3 years, with at least one year in casks. Ramón Bilbao Reserva is aged longer than required – 20 months in barrel and 18 months in bottle. In Haro, the soil, the sun, and the rain create a wine that reflects the flavor of a great Rioja Alta wine.

## APPELLATION

Rioja

## SOURCING

Rioja Alta

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

90% Tempranillo, 10% Mazuelo and Graciano

## WINEMAKING

Ramón Bilbao reserva wines are created with the intention that the wines will be aged for several years. Therefore, the wine is blended so that its evolution is slow and fulfilling. Heightened fruitiness emerges from intense maceration to give the wine a more modern profile. The wine was aged in American oak barrels for 20 months.

## VINTAGE NOTES

The 2012 vintage was hot and dry, which allowed the grapes to develop slowly and produce depth of flavor. Rain just before harvest helped finish the ripening process and bring complexity and balance to the fruit.

## TASTING NOTES

Ruby red with moderate depth of color. An intense, complex nose of red and black fruits with hints of liquorice, menthol, and baking spices. Elegant mouth-feel with balanced acidity and a long finish

## TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.61                      RS 5.4 g/L  
TA 6.0 g/L                    Alc. 13.5%

## WINEMAKER

Rodolfo Bastida



*Heart of Rioja, since 1924*