

Heredad de Baroja

GRAN RESERVA GRAN BAROJA 2011

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 (ALAVESA)

At one of the highest altitudes of Rioja Alavesa, in the village of Elvillar de Álava, the Meruelo family established Bodegas Heredad de Baroja in 1964. The winemaking cellar itself was built with a single purpose in mind; turning top-quality Tempranillo grapes into classic expressions of elegant Rioja wines. Sourced from vineyards at more than 600 metres above sea-level, grown in a mix of clay and limestone, the grapes reach a perfect balance of ripeness and acidity due to

large temperature differences between night and day during the grape maturity period. Temperature control, stainless steel deposits with capacities between 12.000 and 30.000 kilos and exhaustive monitoring. Care is taken at every stage to guarantee that everything is geared towards ensuring that the quality and character found in the unique vineyards manifests itself in every bottle of Heredad de Baroja.

THE HARVEST

It was one of the three best vintages in Rioja in the last 30 years. The intensity of the wines is medium-high, with complex aromas of ripe fruit. The resulting wines are well structured, with good colour, longevity and top quality.

VINIFICATION

This Gran Reserva was made with the best selection of 100% Tempranillo grapes, which are then de-stemmed and crushed, the must is fermented in Ganimede stainless steel deposits, which use the fermentation process' natural release of carbon dioxide to flood the cap automatically. This innovative method avoids oxidation and better preserves the colour and aromas of the wine. The days of alcoholic fermentation are followed by more days of maceration.

THE AGEING

The wine was preserved in stainless steel deposits for a period after the second fermentation, then aged in American and French oak barrels for 24 months. Finally, kept in bottles for a minimum of 36 months until it reaches maturity.



TASTING NOTES

Colour: Dense centre with a clean, dark cherry tone and medium intensity. The edge shifts to a plum-red colour. Truly abundant tears.

Nose: Powerfully elegant and complex. Ripe wild fruit, honey, liquorice and chocolate with notes of vanilla and pepper. The wood is very well integrated.

Palate: Strong and intense. Liquorice and dark cherry, it shows good acidity on the fore palate with pleasant, velvety tannins. Balanced and structured with a long, warm aftertaste.

Food pairing: Sophisticated rice and pasta dishes, blue fish grilled or in sauce, meat stews, roasted lamb, game, free range chicken and Spanish cured meats. Also goes well with many types of cheese.

TECHNICAL DATA

Varietals	100% Tempranillo.
Vine Age	50 Years Average.
Vineyards	South oriented, 550m altitude plots in villages of Kripan & Elvillar
Fermentation Temperature	26°C
Fermentation & Maceration Period	21 Days.
Barrel Composition	American & French Oak.
Barrel Age	1-3 Years Old
Time in Barrel	24 Months
Time in Bottle	Minimum 36 Months
Alcohol content (vol)	14,5% vol
Acidity total (gr/l)	5,33g/L
pH	3.64
SO2 free (mg/l)	28mg/L
Residual sugar (gr/l)	1,65g/L
Suggested serving temperature	16°/17°C
Winemaker	José Antonio Meruelo.

AWARDS



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