

RIBERA DEL DUERO

MADE TO MOVE YOU

Climate, soil, plants, and people. These are the four pillars on which the exceptional nature of our wine is based. A particularly harsh soil and climate. Putting quality before quantity when it comes to caring for the plants. Plus, the rigorous and patient efforts of vine growers and winemakers. This is the only way to achieve a wine with soul, one that inspires emotion.

THIS IS RIBERA DEL DUERO. THOSE WHO HAVE TASTED IT, KNOW IT.



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since **1982**



THE WINE

The seal of the Ribera del Duero Appellation of Origin is carried by more than 300 wineries with their 2,225 brands, as many kinds as there are ways to be thrilled. They are grouped into **reds**, from young wines with a high fruit content and good mouthfeel, to elegant and powerful aged wines (Crianzas, Reservas, and Gran Reservas), which stand out for their aromatic complexity and their power and balance on the palate. There are also **rosés** and **whites**, young, fresh, fruity wines with good acidity, that provide more complex aromas as they age in barrels



THE WEATHER

Let's be honest: our environment is rough and harsh. We have an **extreme climate**: dry summers and long, harsh winters with low rainfall (<400 mm/year) and a wide temperature range (from -20° to 42° C).

Let's be honest: we are fortunate.



28%
vineyards > 30 years old
8,2%
vineyards > 80 years old

THE PEOPLE

We feel the weight of history. After all, we have been making wine for **more than 2,500 years**, as evidenced by the wine remnants found at the Vacceo archaeological site at Pintia and the Roman mosaic at Baños de Valdearados.

From this legacy springs a deep respect for the terroir, that exceptional combination of an extreme and changing climate with a diverse and complex geology. We feel it is a moral obligation to take advantage of this gift.

The responsibility to maintain and improve the quality standards of one of the most prestigious Appellations of Origin in the world for more than 40 years leads us to scrupulously follow the **traditional processes** that have given us such good results over generations. But it also encourages us to look to the future, adopting the **most innovative technology to place ourselves at the forefront.**

7,877
wine growers

311
wineries

72,2%
harvested by hand



THE VINEYARD

We are committed to low yields and extremely pampered grape production. With intense pruning and thinning, **we achieve a low vineyard yield**, for the sake of excellent-quality grapes. Because less is more. As such, we produce an average of 4,320 kilos per hectare, well below the 7,000 kilos allowed by the regulations.

Tempranillo grape, also known as Tinta del País or Tinto Fino, is our main variety, the one that grants the colour, aroma, and body that are characteristic of Ribera del Duero wines. To a lesser extent, we also grow other varieties such as **Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, and Garnacha Tinta**. The main authorised white grape variety is **Albillo Mayor**.

720 -> 1,000
m de altitude

63,630
plots

26,123
hectares

40,6%
bush grown
vineyards

THE SOIL

Another reason to celebrate: the uniqueness of our soil.

At an altitude of between 720 and more than 1,000 metres, nature and the passage of time have generated **a soil with exceptional characteristics** (made up of layers of clayey sands with alternating layers of limestone and calcareous concretions), on which our vines take root, as if conceived to produce the best fruit.

As a result of the climate and the soil, **we obtain extraordinary-quality grapes, with thick skins and perfect, slow, and late ripening.**



LABELS

REDS

ROSÉS-CLARETS AND WHITES

Label	Reds	Rosés-Clarets and Whites
	Minimum ageing: 24 months Time in oak barrels (≥ 330l): ≥ 12 months Rest of the time: in bottle	18 months ≥ 6 months in bottle
	Minimum ageing: 36 months Time in oak barrels (≥ 330l): ≥ 12 months Rest of the time: in bottle	24 months ≥ 6 months in bottle
	Minimum ageing: 60 months Time in oak barrels (≥ 330l): ≥ 24 months Rest of the time: in bottle	48 months ≥ 6 months in bottle
	Young wines: Unoaked Wines with oak: ≥ 3 meses in oak Other wines: Other wines that don't meet the traditional classification criteria.	

ALMUDENA ALBERCA MW

Ribera del Duero is an exciting region—exciting, and always surprising. It has an amazing combination of factors that all come together: the high altitude of up to 1,100 m, soil types and depths mainly dominated by the peculiar calcareous rock, combined with the different orientations and locations in the river basin make the area one of the most complex and diverse places on the planet. This is the kind of place that makes you fall in love with it upon each new step.

TIM ATKIN MW

Ribera del Duero celebrates its 40th anniversary as an Appellation of Origin in 2022, and it is amazing what the region has achieved in just four decades. It is a vibrant, interesting and dynamic DO. Its wines truly reflect the enormous diversity that the region has to offer, thanks to its range of soil types, altitudes, and zones.

PEDRO BALLESTEROS MW

I like to present Ribera del Duero as the Spanish Burgundy: a long and narrow region with a single main red grape variety, which generates an infinite number of different wines depending on the terroir in which its vines grow. A territory with three distinct areas, a marked identity of its villages, a multitude of single vineyards, and thousands of winemakers and winemakers, each with their own vision of the land and their own interpretation of the past. It is impossible to get to know Ribera del Duero if you do not know its maps.

MASTERS OF WINE QUOTES

THOMAS CURTIUS MW

Ribera del Duero is a region with many faces. Take, for example, its dramatic landscapes and diverse terroirs. And its wine culture that combines tradition and innovation - with ancient vines and evolution towards even more diversity. Fresher, more elegant styles have joined the blockbuster wines which put the region on the international wine map some decades ago. Higher altitudes, less oak and an overall complex but refined character mark these 'new' Ribera del Duero wines.

CEES VAN CASTEREN MW

To me Ribera del Duero is the home of some of Spain's best reds, showing the essence of Tempranillo and the unique high altitude terroir, in a diversity of styles (from easy and fruity to complex and powerful), some masterful blended, others increasingly village and vineyard specific.