

R. LÓPEZ DE HEREDIA VIÑA TONDONIA

D.O.C. RIOJA



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Founded in 1877, R. López de Heredia stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of traditional winemaking. Established by Don Rafael López de Heredia, this esteemed Spanish winery adheres steadfastly to principles set forth in the 1880s, crafting wines exclusively from their own vineyards. This commitment ensures a deep connection to the land and a consistency of quality that spans generations.

At López de Heredia, the winemaking process remains largely unchanged since its inception. Vineyard work is meticulously carried out by hand, respecting the terroir and enhancing grape quality naturally.

His dedication to traditional methods extends to the aging process, where wines rest in historic underground cellars for a minimum of 3 to 10 years. Crianza wines mature for at least 3 years, while Gran Reservas undergo extended aging up to 10 years, developing complexity and depth.

Recognized globally for its unwavering commitment to heritage, López de Heredia exemplifies the intersection of tradition and excellence in winemaking. Each bottle reflects not only the craftsmanship and patience instilled by its founders but also a profound respect for the environment and the unique characteristics of Rioja Alta.

Viña Gravonia Crianza , 2016 (white)



HISTORY:

R. López de Heredia, founded in 1877, preserves tradition with meticulous vineyard practices and extended aging in historic cellars, crafting renowned wines from their own vineyards in Rioja Alta, Spain.

TECHNICAL TASTE:

Region/ Sub-Region: Spain, Rioja, Rioja D.O.C

Alcohol: 12.5%.

Variety: 100% Viura, from ancient vines. End September-early October, all done by hand, cutting with a curved knife "corquete". With an alluvial clay and limestone soil.

Aging: Aged for 4 years in 225L American oak barrels handmade by López de Heredia coopers, with bi-annual racking. Further aged for at least 5 years in bottle before release.

Tasting Notes:

Slightly developed pale gold color. Nose reveals dried tropical notes, citrus curd, and baking spice. Fresh on the palate with tannins and lignins from older oak, complemented by a pleasing touch of acidity.

Vinous Media: April '24, Viña Gravonia Crianza, 2016 Rioja earned 93 points, Whites from Lopez de Heredia are legendary, and Viña Gravonia rightfully earns its place in the pantheon. The 2016 Blanco Crianza Viña Gravonia, 100% Viura sourced from the Gravonia vineyard in Rioja Alta, underwent four years of aging in old foudres followed by an additional four years in bottle. This yellow wine with a subtle golden sheen features aromas of peach and fennel, accompanied by a floral tea note and a delicate layer of oak. Dry and refreshing, it possesses a bold texture. This flavorful white lingers on the palate with a hazelnut tone.

Wine Advocate: Earning 95 points, described as vibrant with mushroomy, cellar-like flavors, citrus freshness, and nuttiness without bitterness. Reminiscent of Graves wines, very fresh from ancient vines.