

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 Tondonia Reserva , 2013 (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: 90% Viura, 10% Malvasia. End September-early October, all done by hand, cutting with a curved knife "corquete". With an alluvial clay and limestone soil.

Aging: Aged for 6 years in 225L American oak barrels handmade by López de Heredia coopers, with bi-annual racking. Further aged for at least 6 years in bottle before release.

Tasting Notes:

Natural gold color, developed. Fresh and complex nose with aromas of pear, stone fruits, and floral hints. On the palate, flavors of yellow pears, dried apples, wet rocks, white flowers, and earthy notes.

Vinous Media: April '24 Viña Tondonia Reserva, (white), 2013 Rioja earning 96 points. The 2013 Blanco Reserva Viña Tondonia is a blend of 90% Viura and 10% Malvasía Riojana from the Tondonia vineyard, situated along the Ebro River. Aged for six years in oak barrels and an additional two years in the bottle, this wine defies the expectations of youth with its bright amber hue. Subtle aromas of honey, dried apricot, tangerine peel, and faint oak greet the senses. Initially rich and overwhelming, it evolves into a gently chalky flow with a refreshing touch on the palate. This complex white wine, with its long-lasting finish and a final hint of hazelnut, stands for its aging potential like Rioja whites of old.

James Suckling: Viña Tondonia Reserva 2012 earned 98 points and was featured in the "Top 100 Wines of 2021". It offers a complex nose of candied citrus, fig, burnt orange, walnut, toast, dried tobacco, and salted caramel. Medium-to full-bodied with bright acidity, concentrated layers, and a nutty, saline finish.