



Valenciso Reserva 2009- 6x750

COMPañÍA BODEGUERA VALENCISO

D.O.C. Rioja – Ollauri

THE WINERY

Founded for the 1998 vintage by Luis Valentín and Carmen Enciso, (Valen-Ciso), Rioja natives with extensive experience in the making, tasting and commercialization of Rioja wines. Minority partners include former managers of Radoux, makers of the finest French oak barriques, and growers in the best areas of the Rioja Alta. Aromatic volume rather than physical weight (in the manner of French Burgundy and the greatest Riojas of the past) is the Valenciso ideal.

THE WINE

100% Tempranillo aged 17 months in fine grained French oak. Highly polished, tightly wound and elegant wine with refined aromatics. Fine tannins provide a silky texture, leading to a persistent finish of red berries and sweet oak. Blossoms both in body and flavor with decantation and will age gracefully for years, in the manner of top Burgundy.

IN THE PRESS

The 2009 Reserva from Valenciso is a classic Rioja produced with grapes from Rioja Alta in search of the classical profile combining freshness, elegance and power. 2009 was a warm and healthy harvest when they picked earlier to keep the freshness. The destemmed but uncrushed grapes fermented in cement tanks where it underwent malolactic. It matured in one-third new French oak barrels for some 17 months. There are some notes of leather, licorice and fountain pen ink, over a core of ripe berry fruit, with some spicy notes from the oak and a faint animal character. The palate is medium-bodied with some dusty, slightly rustic tannins and a dry finish. 99,000 bottles produced.

—91 Points

—Luis Gutierrez, Wine Advocate, August 2016

DETAILS OF WINEMAKING & VITICULTURE

- Grapes:** 100% Tempranillo
- Vineyards:** Based in Rioja Alta, soil made from clay stone and calcareous lime, with a low production protocol of 5.000 kilos per hectare.
- Winemaking:** Fermentation in small concrete tanks, maceration of 21 days, and aged in French barrique for 17 months. No clarification fining, just a very light filtration before bottling.
- Winemaker:** Alicia Eyaralar
- Alcohol:** 14%



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