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# Rioja Vega Venta Jalón Reserva 2016

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| **Price** | £43.49 |
| **Code** | RIOJ360 |

Rioja Vega Venta Jálon Reserva 2014 is Rioja Vega's new limited release Tinto Reserva Especial. It bears the name of the location of the Graciano vineyard on the outskirts of Viana, from which 75% of the grapes that make this wine are grown. It is the Graciano grape which gives it its magnificent intense and aromatic characters, coupled with sweet spice and vanilla flavours from the oak ageing that it undergoes.




**Tasting Notes:**

Impressive, deep dark red colour with violet hues. Rich and complex bouquet revealing terroir-driven balsamic and spicy varietal character. Full bodied, with a subtle underlying mineral character on the palate. An expressive and well-structured wine, with a long, persistent finish.

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| Specification | |
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| **Vinification** | 19 year old Graciano vines planted on clay loam soils. The Tempranillo vines are from two plots in the Imaz area, one 18 years old the other 28 years old, planted on clay and limestone soils. Fermentation lasts 8 days, with controlled temperatures never exceeding 29°C, followed by a further 10 days maceration in contact with skins. 24 months subsequent ageing in both French and American oak barrels, and a further 9 months cellaring in bottle before release. |
| **ABV** | 13.5% |
| **Size** | 75cl |
| **Drinking Window** | Drink now through to 2030 |
| **Country** | Spain |
| **Region** | Rioja |
| **Type** | Red Wine |
| **Grape Mix** | 75% Graciano, 25% Tempranillo |
| **Genres** | Fine Wine, Vegan, Vegetarian |
| **Vintage** | 2016 |
| **Body** | Soft, fruity and smooth |
| **Producer** | Rioja Vega |
| **Producer Overview** | Initially started as the dream of one man, Don Felipe Ugalde in 1882, this winery has seen ongoing growth and development over the years. Don's aim was simple, to be one of the countries most prestigious Bodega's. |
| **Closure Type** | Cork |
| **Food Matches** | Chorizo and lentil stew with Morcilla (Spanish blood sausage), Or, put together a mixed cheese board of hard or semi-hard cheeses such as Cheddar, Manchego, Parmesan or Port Salut, and see for yourself the nearly endless flavour combinations. |
| **Press Comments** | Highly Recommended, Decanter 2023, 91 points: "Supple and succulent, full of black fruit aromas. A pristine and concentrated Rioja lifted by mouth-watering acidity." Wines From Spain Awards, 2019. The Independent, December 2019: "10 Reds Perfect for Christmas Drinking". Decanter World Wine Awards, 2020: 93/100points. Rioja Masters 2020, Gold Medal. Tim Atkin, 91 points, February 2021. |