

# Palacio de Otoño

## Finca Vidales Reserva

### ABV

13.50%

### Capsule

Cork

### Code

OTOFIR

### Region and Country

Rioja, Spain

### Grapes

Tempranillo

## Producer

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This Rioja Baja based winery started in the 1950s by selling wine in bulk, and today is run by six families and operates from a modern cellar in the town of Alfaro. Gorka Etxebarria is lead winemaker.

## Climate, viticulture, winemaking

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Situated in the town of Alfaro in the La Rioja province of Northern Spain, the co-operative was established in 1987 by six families with backgrounds in farming who wished to produce wines of the highest quality. Using grapes sourced solely from the co-operative's own vineyards, they are able to specify the exact viticultural decisions to be made. In 2004, they set up their own winery so that they could extend this careful monitoring and dedication to the winemaking process. Being able to oversee the entire production process, from grape to glass, enables the co-operative families to produce the high quality wines that their ancestors wished. The region is located on the banks of the fertile Ebro valley, which contributes a wide diversity of soils and microclimates. Strongly influenced by a Mediterranean climate, the Rioja Baja is the warmest and driest of the three Rioja regions.

Once the fruit is destemmed and lightly crushed, fermentation occurs in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks and the juice sees 50/50 American and French oak for 18 months before bottling.



## Tasting Notes

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Intense dark ruby in colour, ripe red and black cherry notes come through on the palate with hints of vanilla and cocoa. Velvety tannins give a rich mouthfeel and a long lasting finish.

## Good to know

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The estate strive to lower their impact on the environment when producing their wines and have been slowly converting to organic viticulture parcel by parcel. They currently have 18 hectares converted. They also generate 30% of their own electricity through solar panels and using up to 70% recycled material in all their packaging.