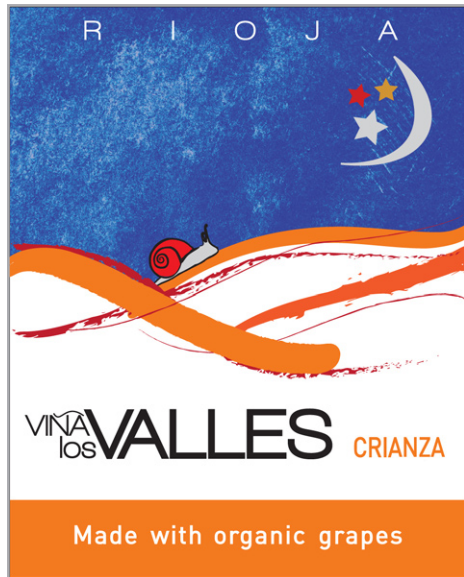


Vina los Valles Crianza 2009



Winery: Bodegas Vinicola Real

Region: Rioja D.O.Ca.

Grapes: 70% Tempranillo, 30% Graciano

Winery: This Bodega was started in 1992 by master distiller and winemaker, Miguel Ángel Rodríguez. The cellars are located in the village of Albelda de Iregua in Rioja Alta. They have a total of 25 hectares of vineyards in 4 different zones of Rioja Alta. Traditional, chemical-free viticulture is practiced, all grapes are harvested by hand and sorted again at the winery on a sorting table prior to crushing and fermentation.

Wine: Grapes for this wine are also harvested into 15 kilo tubs. Vines average a minimum of 25 years of age. Grapes were only partially destemmed prior to fermentation in 50 hectoliter oak vats. Malolactic fermentation took place in new American oak

barrels. The wine was aged for 15 months in a combination of 60% French and 40% American oak barrels, followed by a further 9 months aging in bottle prior to release. All of the fruit for this wine comes from certified organic vineyards.

Reviews:

“Saturated ruby. Brooding, slow-to-open aromas of cherry pit, cassis, licorice and violet. Extremely youthful and penetrating, with concentrated dark berry, cherry and spice flavors. Deep but lively Rioja, with good finishing grip and spicy persistence.”

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