

Viña Otano Gran Reserva Blanco 2015 (White Wine)



This winery is run by third generation winegrowers. The current owner, Oscar Montaña's, grandfather started working in wine in 1910. Vineyards range in age from 30 to 95+ years old. Fruit comes from a combination of estate grown fruit and fruit grown under contract and winery direction from two distinct areas within Rioja Alta. All fruit is hand harvested. The current winery was built in 1989 incorporating stainless steel tanks and refrigeration. Their cellars have storage for over 50,000 cases of wine.

Appellation	Rioja D.O.Ca.
Grapes	95% Viura and 5% Garnacha Blanca from 95-year-old vines
Altitude / Soil	650 meters / Calcareous clay
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested into small baskets
Production	Alcoholic and Malolactic fermentation in new French oak barrels - 300L
Aging	Aged for 36 months in French oak barrels
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8422938002420 / 08422938002420 / 6W

Reviews:

"This wine offers a bouquet of green pear and white chocolate. Tropical fruit and citrus flavors wash over the palate, joined by notes of butterscotch, cocoa butter and toasted almond that linger into the enduring finish. ."

92 points *Wine Enthusiast*; Mike DeSimone - Issue June / July 2023.

"The 2015 Rioja Blanco "Gran Reserva" from Viña Otano is continuing to blossom since I last had the pleasure to taste a bottle a year ago. The bouquet is deep and complex, wafting from the glass in a mix of pear, macadamia nut, white lilies, salty soil tones, orange peel and coconutty oak tones. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a lovely core of fruit, fine soil signature, a nice framing of oak and impressive length and grip on the very well balanced finish. This is really a lovely wine that is drinking with impressive generosity, but has plenty of potential to cruise along for several more decades in the cellar. 2023-2050."

92 points *View from the Cellar*; John Gilman - Issue #103 January/February 2023.

"Viña Otano's 2015 Gran Reserva Rioja Blanco is comprised of a cépages of eighty-five percent Viura, ten percent Garnacha Blanca and five percent Maturana Blanca. The wine is starting to show a gentle golden hue to its color and offers up a beautiful, classical bouquet of fresh almond, pear, orange peel, salty white soil tones and coconutty oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and still fairly youthful in its structural elements, with a fine girdle of acidity, lovely focus and balance and a long, complex and really very good finish. The oak here is still not quite seamlessly integrated, which further bottle age will take care of. This is like drinking a young vintage of Viña Tondonia Blanco, as there is clearly much more room for growth here if the wine is tucked away in the cellar for more hibernation. Fine juice. 2022-2050.."

91+ points *View from the Cellar*; John Gilman Issue #98 - March/April 2022

