

BODEGAS HNOS. PÉREZ PASCUAS **(D.O. Ribera del Duero, Spain)**

Bodegas Hnos. Pérez Pascuas is an example of a well-consolidated cellar, family owned for 3 generations, distinguishing itself by maintaining an irreproachable personality in its wines year after year.



THE WINERY

This wine cellar, a pioneer in Ribera del Duero, released their first vintage in 1980, when three brothers: Benjamín, Manuel, and Adolfo Pérez Pascuas, convinced of the excellent potential that lay in the vineyards owned by their father, decided to undertake an ambitious project: “to make one of the best wines in Spain...”

This is a family cellar that has focused on the quality from its inception, hard work at the vineyard, and intense dedication. Currently 500,000 bottles are produced yearly, and this limited production allows for strict controls over the winemaking process from start to finish.

All grapes come from their own 333 acres of vineyards: 90% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. A great number of the vines are over twenty-five years old and grow on privileged soils.

The vineyards are located just outside of Roa, in Pedrosa de Duero in the D.O. Ribera del Duero. The terrain is smooth, and the soils are clay calcareous. The vineyards are located at an altitude of 2,624 feet above sea level.

This climate is Continental, with an Atlantic influence, and an average year-round temperature of 52°F, with an annual rainfall of about 19 inches.

Pérez Pascuas is located just outside the town of Roa in Pedrosa de Duero.

Ribera del Duero D.O. Map



PÉREZ PASCUAS GRAN SELECCIÓN GRAN RESERVA, 2015



- **Region/ Sub-Region:** Spain, Castillo y Leon, Ribera del Duero.
- **Grapes:** 100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo). Single vineyard called Valtareña with 87-year-old vines.
- **Soil:** Clay and Limestone.
- **Vinification:** Grapes are hand harvested, de-stemmed and pressed. Long maceration about 28 days on skins. Alcohol fermentation is done in stainless steel. Racked and malo is in barriques.
- **Aging:** 26 months in 225L French and American oak 50% new. After that there remains a minimum of at least 4 years bottle aging before release.
- **Nose:** Complex aroma, blending primary notes of red currants, and licorice, with numerous spicy, and mineral hints.
- **Taste:** Lively, with marked nerve, and very fine tannins. Beautiful structure, powerful, and very well balanced. Noticeable persistence.
- **Color:** Intense red, with dark cherry hues, and a pomegranate rim, evident of a very slow, positive development. Beautiful, very intense.
- **Gastronomy:** Pairs very well with lamb, game meats, and steaks over an open flame or charcoal.

This wine is the result of choice grapes from vines averaging 87 years old. Mauro Pérez, a wise man with a deep love of his land, was born surrounded by the vines of Pedrosa de Duero. He tilled the vineyards and planted the vines that are the source of this unique wine. The old, crooked vines in the Valtarreña Estate are filled with many virtues acquired throughout their long life, producing grapes of exceptional quality. The family's wine offers supreme quality at its highest exponent.

CRITICS AND REVIEWS:

Wine Advocate, June '21, - 96 points - "I love the super elegant 2015 Pérez Pascuas Gran Selección Gran Reserva, which follows the steps of their best vintages, only produced in exceptional years. It's produced with Tempranillo grapes from 85-year-old vines on limestone and clay soils, that delivered low yields of 17 hectoliters per hectare. It fermented with a selection of their own yeasts and matured in barrel for 26 months. The oak feels very integrated, and the time in bottle (it was bottled in March 2018) has polished the tannins. It feels very complex and balanced and seems to be evolving at a slow pace."

Wine & Spirits Magazine, Jun '20, - 94 points - "This is the top selection from the Pérez Pascuas family's vineyards, focused on fruit from parcels where the vines are more than 70 years old. And it's lovely juice. Notably fresh (rather than acidic) for a wine of its age, this tastes of crunchy black currants and a more ethereal raspberry gentleness, the fruit vibrant and generous straight through to the end. The age shows in undertones of tar and mushrooms, charcuterie and leather, all knit into the richness of the fruit, lending complexity that lasts."