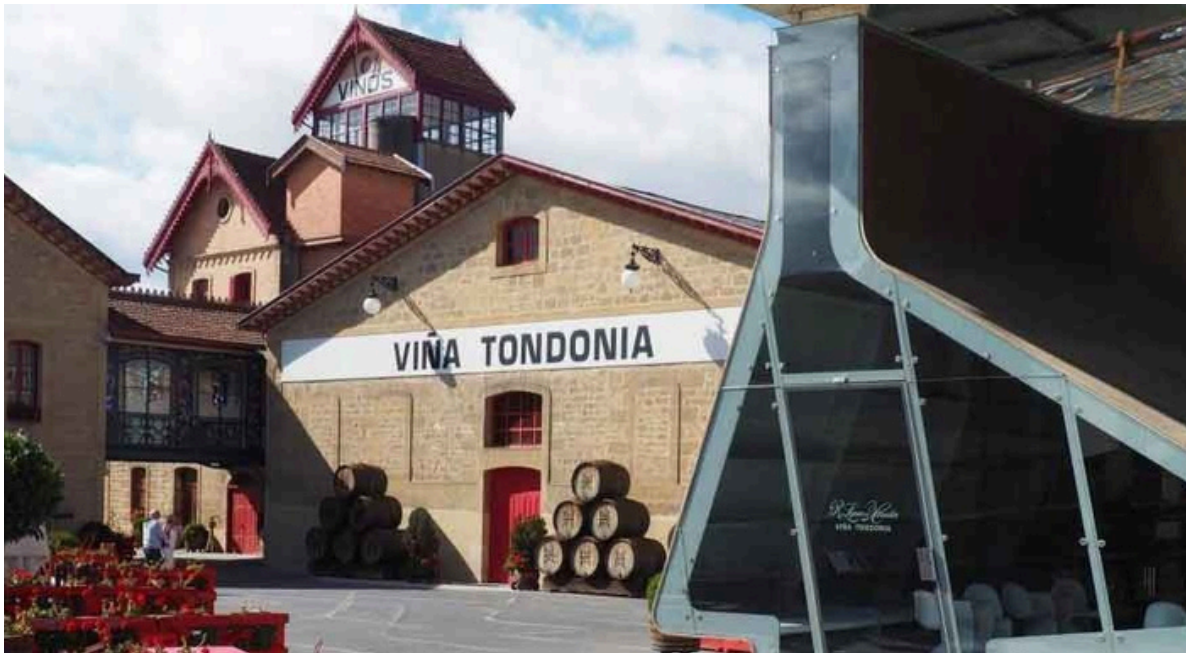


R. LÓPEZ DE HEREDIA VIÑA TONDONIA

D.O.C. RIOJA



THE WINERY, FOUNDED IN 1877

Founded in 1877, R. López de Heredia stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of traditional winemaking. Established by Don Rafael López de Heredia, this esteemed winery adheres to principles set forth in the 1880s, crafting wines exclusively from their own vineyards. This commitment ensures a deep connection to the land and a consistency of quality that spans generations.

At López de Heredia, the winemaking process remains largely unchanged since its inception. Vineyard work is meticulously carried out by hand, respecting the terroir and enhancing grape quality naturally.

His dedication to traditional methods extends to the aging process, where wines rest in historic underground cellars for a minimum of 3 to 10 years. Crianza wines mature for at least 3 years, while Gran Reservas undergo extended aging up to 10 years, developing complexity and depth. globally

Recognized for its unwavering commitment to heritage, López de Heredia exemplifies the intersection of tradition and excellence in winemaking. Each bottle reflects not only the craftsmanship and patience instilled by its founders but also a profound respect for the environment and the unique characteristics of Rioja Alta.

Viña Tondonia Gran Reserva 2005 (white)



HISTORY: R. López de Heredia, founded in 1877, preserves tradition with meticulous vineyard practices and extended aging in historic cellars, crafting renowned wines from their 420 acres in the Tondonia vineyard in Rioja Alta, Spain.

TECHNICAL TASTE:

Region/ Sub-Region: Spain, Rioja, Rioja D.O.C

Alcohol: 12.5%.

Variety: 90% Viura, 10% Malvasia. End September-early October, all done by hand, cutting with a curved knife "corquete". The Tondonia vineyard has alluvial clay and limestone soil.

Aging: Fermented in 16,000L vats, aged for 10 years in 225L American oak barrels crafted by López de Heredia coopers, with bi-annual racking. Further aged for at least 9 years in bottle before release.

Tasting Notes:

Rich gold color with an evolved oxidative amber rim. Nose reveals beeswax, citrus zest, stewed apple, and hints of mushrooms and dried flowers. Smooth, round, and well-developed palate with richness balanced by freshness, notes of black tea, and tree nuts.

James Suckling: Viña Tondonia Gran Reserva earned 98 points and a spot in the "Top 100 Wines of 2020". It boasts aromas of almonds, nougat, dried peaches, and vanilla cream, with a dense palate and historical Rioja character. Best enjoyed now.

Wine Advocate, Oct '20: Awarded 99 points, Viña Tondonia Gran Reserva impresses with pungent flavors, great length, and incredible balance for over 40 years of aging. Complex aromas of nuts, spices, mushroom, and forest floor lead to a powerful yet subtle palate with bitter, salty, and umami nuances.