

# SIDE BY SIDE

## GRAN RESERVA 2011

**VINEYARD:** Rioja Alta & Rioja Alavesa

**VARIETY:** 100% Tempranillo

**D.O.:** Calificada Rioja

**CATEGORY:** Gran Reserva

**ALCOHOL DEGREE:** 13,5% v/v.

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5,7 g/l. Tártrica

**HARVEST DATE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Week of September 2014

**BOTTLING DATE:** September 2014

**VINIFICATION:** Fermentation in stainless steel temperature-controlled vats. 19 days maceration.

**AGEING:** 24 months in French and American oak barriques.

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### VINTAGE REPORT

Vintage excellent with very moderate yields. The grapes have maintained a good vegetative and sanitary shape, which has given a good structure to the wines together with a nice color.

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### TASTING NOTES

**Colour:**

Intense cherry colour with blue rim, Bright and crystalline.

**Nose:**

Elegant and complex with hints of woodwork, vanilla, cigar-box and spices. Recall of blackberry, plums in liqueur.

**Palate:**

Intense with a big volume developing on the palate, showing a big freshness and elegance. Well balanced acidity with the alcohol. Rounded and rich. Long finish.

**Food Pairing:**

Medium and well matured cheeses. Strong and powerful stews. Steamed vegetables, legumes and chicken soup.

