

# Bodegas Taron Crianza Rioja Alta 2018



## Region

The region of La Rioja lends its name to Spain's most widely recognised wines. Rioja is split by three major districts; Alta and Alavesa to the north, which are higher in altitude and the hot dry Oriental district to the south (previously known as Rioja Baja). Tempranillo, Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuelo are the main red grape varieties used however more international varieties can also be used. The traditional aging classification system gives Rioja wines their distinctive style through the influence of extended ageing in oak barrels.

## Producer

Bodegas Taron is a cooperative based in the northernmost part of Rioja Alta. The cooperative is made up of four small towns; Cuzcurrita de Rio Tiron, Sajazarra, Villaseca and Tirgo. These four towns decided that as they share not only the landscape but their culture too, they would benefit from pooling together their vineyards and knowledge to create one Bodega focussed on creating high quality Rioja's. Bodegas Taron have 700 hectares of vineyards spread over more than 1000 small plots. Some of the oldest vines are over 100 years old which go into making their premium wine; Cepas Centenarias.

## Tasting Notes

Bodegas Taron have created this soft and attractive Crianza from a blend of Tempranillo and Mazuelo from their Rioja Alta vineyards. The wine displays a bright ruby red colour with intense aromas of fresh red berries, plum and cherry. The wine has been aged in American oak barrels for 12 months, with a further 12 months in bottle age. On the palate, subtle oak and smoked notes combine with a rich earthiness, spices, chocolate, redcurrant and cherry. The wine is well structured tannins with a long balanced finish full of fresh red fruits.

## Food

Ideal with roasts, especially game such as pheasant or pigeon, as well as cheese.

### Technical Information

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Country</b>     | Spain                             |
| <b>Region</b>      | Rioja                             |
| <b>Grape(s)</b>    | Tempranillo (95%)<br>Mazuelo (5%) |
| <b>Type</b>        | Red                               |
| <b>Style</b>       | Fruity                            |
| <b>Oaked Style</b> | Oaked                             |
| <b>Body Style</b>  | Medium bodied                     |
| <b>Sustainable</b> | No                                |

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|---------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| <b>Dry/Sweet Style</b>    | Dry                |     |
| <b>Alcohol Content</b>    | 13.5%              |     |
| <b>Closure Style</b>      | Cork               |     |
| <b>Organic/Biodynamic</b> | No                 |     |
| <b>Allergens</b>          | <b>Milk:</b>       | No  |
|                           | <b>Egg:</b>        | No  |
| <b>Vegetarian/Vegan</b>   | <b>Vegetarian:</b> | Yes |
|                           | <b>Vegan:</b>      | Yes |



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