Marques de Riscal Proximo S.C. Rioja 2021



Region

With nearly 65,000 hectares of vineyard, 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

The origins of the go back to 1858, when the Marques de Riscal, who was resident in Bordeaux, was asked to hire a French winemaker to help the locals improve their winemaking techniques, four years later in 1862 they produced the first ever Rioja wine to be bottled. In 1895 Marques de Riscal was the first non- French wine to win the diploma of honour in the Bordeaux Exhibition. Today the company owns nearly 600 hectares of vines, across La Rioja, Rueda and Castilla y Leon regions. Since 2006 Riscal inaugurated “The City of Wine” including a state-of-the-art winery and a hotel designed by the famous architect Frank O. Gehry.

Tasting Notes

Próximo is a modern, approachable expression of Rioja from Marqués de Riscal, one of the region’s most established producers. Based predominantly on Tempranillo, the wine combines ripe red and black fruit with subtle vanilla, spice and gentle oak character. The palate is smooth and generous, with fresh acidity, soft tannins and a rounded, fruit-driven finish.

Food

A natural match for tapas, grilled meats, charcuterie, pasta and everyday Mediterranean dishes.

Technical Information

Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Grape(s)	Tempranillo (40%) Cariñena (30%) Graciano (30%)
Type	Red
Style	Fruity
Oaked Style	Lightly oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	14%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	No	
Allergens	**Milk:** **Egg:**	No No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:** **Vegan:**	Yes Yes

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