

# Valduero 2011 Ribera del Duero Reserva

WineWise Code	SVA-RES11
Country	Spain
Region	Ribera del Duero
Subregion	Castilla y Leon
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14
Acidity	5.35
Residual Sugar	1.2
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	6,000
Varieties	Tempranillo 100%
Maceration Notes	6 days in cold fermentation
Pumpover or Punchdown?	5 punchdown/day in fermentation
Fermentation duration	20 days
Aging duration (months)	30
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	Gelatine
Yeast	Native
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 30 mg/L
Vineyard Name	El Nogal
Elevation (meters)	871
Vineyard Aspect	North
Vine age (years)	50
Vine Yields hl/ha	2,600
Farming practices	Organic
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

## Notes from the producer:

The winery was founded in 1984 by the sisters García-Viadero and is today the SECOND LARGEST LAND OWNER in Ribera del Duero, with 230 Ha of truly exceptional vineyard, highly valued and with a large quantity of old vines. We have exclusively vine planted in bush, ecological (no irrigation, no use of chemicals nor sulphates) and handled 100% manually, only with natural viticulture practices.



## WineWise Notes:

Valduero's vineyards are amongst the highest in the D.O., with several resultant benefits. The grapes hang longer while retaining their acidity and not developing excessive alcohol. This Reserva is aged largely in French oak, with a smattering from eastern Europe thrown in. It is lithe and persistent, with a palpable saltiness in the finish. Very much built for the long haul.

Valduero's tendency towards a finesse and style unusual in Ribera del Duero is now well established in international markets, one forgets how comparatively new the DO is - the Valduero estate, established in 1984, was only the sixth in the appellation at the time! During the intervening 25 years, they have built up an impressive resume as a winery offering quality and value from grapes sourced from their 200 hectares of bush-trained, low yielding vineyards. The sisters Yolanda and Caroline García, daughters of founder Gregorio García Alvarez, run an impressive operation, that goes from strength to strength.