

Valduero 2016 Finca Azaya Premium Castilla y Leon)

WineWise Code	SVA-FAP16
Country	Spain
Region	Ribera del Duero
Subregion	Castilla y Leon
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14
Acidity	5.15
Residual Sugar	1.1
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	4,800
Varieties	Tempranillo 100%
Maceration Notes	5 days in cold fermentation
Pumpover or Punchdown?	4 punchdown/day in fermentation
Fermentation duration	15 days
Aging method	Used Barrique 100%
Aging duration (months)	22
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	Gelatine
Yeast	Native
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 30 mg/L
Vineyard Name	Las Barridas
Elevation (meters)	749
Vineyard Aspect	North
Vine age (years)	60
Vine Yields hl/ha	1,800
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:

This new presentation of the wine from their Tierras Altas vineyards is an entirely compelling rendition of Tempranillo in this singular locale. The huge boysenberry fruit is beautifully contained by the 14 months spent in oak, and the overall result is a joyously rollicking wine that manages to be both serious and hedonistic.

Valduero's tendency towards a finesse and style unusual in RibeAlthough 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.

