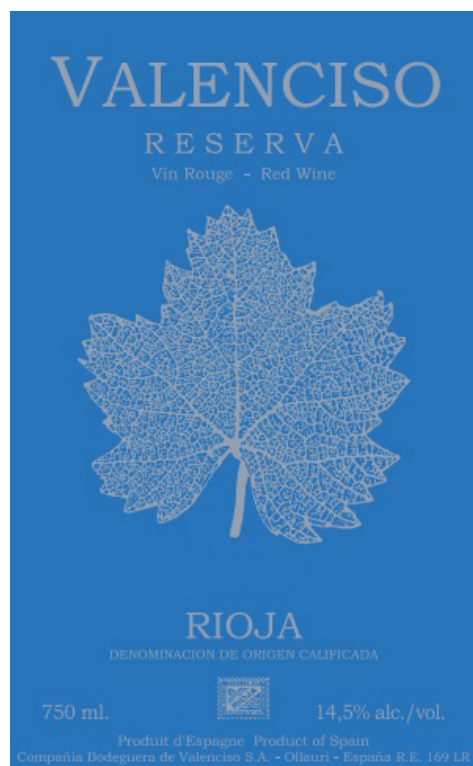


Valenciso

RIOJA RESERVA - 2016

REGION: SPAIN - LA RIOJA



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VALENCISO was born in 1998 when Luis Valentín and Carmen Enciso (Valen-Ciso, Val-en-THEECE-oh), Rioja natives with extensive experience in the region, joined their surnames to make a single wine in the winery of their dreams in La Rioja Alta.

Minority partners include former managers of Radoux, makers of the finest French oak barriques, and growers in the best areas of the Rioja Alta.

Valenciso's objective is to produce a limited number of wines of the highest quality and authenticity. The flagship wine is released as Reserva. The very best Tempranillo grapes come from mature, low-yielding vineyards. Careful harvesting is timed to capture the intensity of the fruit, while avoiding over ripeness or excessive alcohol levels. Aromatic lift rather than physical weight – in the manner of French Burgundy and the greatest Riojas of the past – is the Valenciso ideal. Aging takes place in the finest cork-grade (flor) French oak barriques, one-third replaced each year. Time in oak depends upon vintage

REVIEWS

Rioja Reserva – 2016

91 Points - [jamesuckling.com](https://www.jamesuckling.com), September, 2022

Quite a meaty nose, showing some dark earth, pencil lead and a hint of peppercorn to the blackberries and dark cherries. Juicy and quite fine-grained on the palate, with precise, sweet fruit and slight funk in the finish, which adds interest without being over the top. Tempranillo. Drink now.

94 Points - © Wine Advocate, July, 2022

The balanced, young and elegant 2016 Reserva mixes characteristics from classical and more modern Rioja reds, fruit and herbs, spicy oak and some complexity and a medium-bodied palate with very good freshness and fine tannins. It's riper than you think at 14.5% alcohol and has a pH of 3.7. It fermented in concrete and matured in French barrels for 18 months. 100,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in autumn 2020. 2022 – 2028

93 Points - Vinous, February, 2024

The 2016 Reserva is 100% Tempranillo sourced from the Ollauri-Haro area in Rioja, having undergone an 18-month aging process in French oak barrels. Garnet in color, it reveals balsamic notes, complemented by blackberry and strawberry aromas against an oaky backdrop. Indulgent and ample, it features fine-grained tannins, offering a flavorful red wine experience and a lingering fruity finish. This is a well-calibrated expression of Rioja. 2024 – 2036

