

DIEZ-CABALLERO Reserva 2009

D.O.Ca. Rioja (Rioja Alavesa)
Bodegas Diez-Caballero
Spain

Robert Parker's "The Wine Advocate"



INFORMATION ON THE WINERY

DIEZ-CABALLERO is a family winery located in ELCIEGO that we inherited from our grandparents. Following the formula of traditional Bordeaux châteaux—relatively rare in Rioja—our wines come exclusively from estate-owned vineyards planted with TEMPRANILLO. Strict pruning and respectful growing practices achieve a perfect blend of the traditional and the modern at the service of fruit and full expression — **ROOTS, SOIL and FAMILY.**

Technical

Specifications : Vintage: 2009
Appellation: DOCa Rioja
Varietal: 100% Tempranillo
Alcohol: 14%
pH:3,71
TA: 5,3 g/l
Residual Sugar: 1, 7 g/l

Packaging: Bottle: 75 cl Case: 6 Bottles
Temperature: 58° - 64° F.

Production: TEMPRANILLO grapes from 45 year old vines from our ELCIEGO vineyards. A choice harvest selection to extract the fullest EXPRESSION and achieve the utmost quality. The wine was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels. A prolonged stay in the bottle provides its velvety texture.

Tasting Notes: (Luis Gutierrez The Wine Advocate)

The 2009 Reserva is produced with Tempranillo grapes from their own vineyards in the zone known as El Gallo in Elciego on chalk and clay soils at 550 meters altitude. The grapes fermented in cement vats and the wine matured in French oak barrels for 18 months. It's a little closed with shy aromas of ripe fruit and a good layer of spices and oak-related aromas. It is quite young and not showing much evolution. The palate feels balanced, serious and solid with good tannins and enough acidity to support a good depth of fruit. It's approachable now but it has the stuffing and balance to develop in bottle. Very good value given the quality and the fact that they are offering a mature wine at the price of other bottles four years younger.

Diez-Caballero offers classical Riojas at affordable prices. A name that flies under the radar and deserves better recognition.