

DIEZ-CABALLERO  
Rioja

## DIEZ-CABALLERO Reserva 2012

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



Robert Parker´s "243, 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: 2012

Appellation: DOCa Rioja

Varietal: 100%

Tempranillo Alcohol:  
14,3%

pH: 3,67

TA: 5,39 g/l

Residual Sugar: 1,8 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 2012 Reserva feels impressively young and lively, with a combination of ripe fruit and spicy oak that makes it quite attractive. Other wines from 2012 have a lot more tertiary notes and feel more developed, but this is still in a very primary phase. There are some dusty tannins that might require some food. Like all of their reds, this is Tempranillo, and it matured in French oak for 18 followed by no less than 30 months in bottle, in search of this harmony and finesse. 15,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in October 2014.

#### Tasting Notes: (James Suckling)

Big plum and toffee aromas. A rich and rather mellow wine with much of the character of traditional Rioja combined with powerful dry tannins at the finish.