

DIEZ-CABALLERO Vendimia Seleccionada 2018

D.O.Ca. Rioja (Rioja Alavesa)

Bodegas Diez-Caballero

Spain



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**.

Luis Gutiérrez of Robert Parker, July 2022:

"There are new, elegant labels for the slim and tall bottles of Diez-Caballero, a family winery, created in 1979 in the village of Elciego. They produce 120,000 bottles exclusively from their 25 hectares of vineyards ranging between 25 & 85 years of age, mostly in Elciego but with 10% in Navaridas & 5% in Laguardia. Traditional, honest wines crafted by winemaker Manuel Ruíz Hernández".

Technical

Specifications : Vintage: 2018

Appellation: DOCa Rioja

Varietal: 100% Tempranillo

Alcohol: 14,2%

pH: 3,65

TA: 5,36 g/l

Residual Sugar: 1,6 g/l

Packaging: Bottle: 750 ML. Case: 6 Bottles

Temperature: 58° - 64° F.

Production: The Diez-Caballero Vendimia Seleccionada is made only in the years of harvests considered 'excellent' by the family. Harvested by hand from 60+ year old Tempranillo vines on a single plot in Elciego, this wine has aged 15 months in new French oak barrels.

Tasting Notes: (Luis Gutierrez, The Wine Advocate): There is an herbal and lafy freshness in the 2018 Vendimia Seleccionada, wich abandons the Reserva mention and changes the image to something more modern. It was produced with Tempranillo from 60+ year old vines from two plots in Elciego, fermented with indigenous yeasts in concrete with malolactic in concrete and matured in french barrels for 15 moths. It's peppery and Spicy, with a more classical nose of cedar wood and cigar box, ripe and rich but with balance and freshness, with the ingredients and balance between them to age nicely in bottle.