

DIEZ-CABALLERO Gran Reserva 2019

D.O.Ca. Rioja (Rioja Alavesa)
Bodega 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:	2019 Gran Reserva
Appellation:	DOCa Rioja – Vino de Pueblo (Village)
Varietal:	100% Tempranillo
Alcohol:	14,5%
pH:	3,62
TA:	5,36 g/l
Residual Sugar:	1,6 g/l

Production: TEMPRANILLO grapes from 60-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 24 months in French oak barrels. A prolonged stay in the bottle provides its velvety texture.

Tasting Notes:

This comes from their *La Moraleja* vineyard that was planted over 60 years ago in Elciego, Tempranillo that fermented in concrete with indigenous yeasts and long macerations. The wine matured in French oak barrels for 24 months and has been in bottle since 2022. The dark ruby-colored 2019 Gran Reserva, it reveals a complex nose, thanks in part to its three years in bottle prior to release. Aromas of Asian spices, incense, balsamic, and black cherry give rise to an enveloping, dense, complex, and velvety wine.

