

# `Coto de Imaz` Rioja Gran Reserva 2011

## Rioja, Spain



EL COTO DE RIOJA



### PRODUCER

El Coto was founded in 1970 in Rioja Alavesa and has grown from modest beginnings into one of the best known Rioja producers. Today El Coto has over 700 hectares of vineyard in production across the three Rioja DOCa sub-zones of Rioja Alta, Rioja Alavesa and Rioja Oriental. They also source grapes from all three areas, but mostly from Rioja Alavesa. Head winemaker César Fernandez oversees production, starting with hand picking into 35 kilogram crates to ensure the grapes arrive at the winery in pristine condition. Modern and intelligently designed, the emphasis in the winery is on temperature control and gentle handling of the grapes.

### VINEYARDS

Grapes for the two Coto de Imaz wines are picked exclusively from El Coto's estate in Cenicero in Rioja Alta, where the soils are limestone and clay.

### VINTAGE

The 2011 vintage in Rioja was amongst the best of the past thirty years. Despite drought in certain areas, vine and canopy development was excellent across the region. Low incidences of pests and disease made for a good crop of exceptionally healthy grapes. This allowed for seamless fermentation, promising well-structured and concentrated wines with good colour levels. The Rioja Control Board rated the 2011 vintage as 'Excellent'.

### VINIFICATION

After harvest, only the best grapes were selected for this wine, as the maceration on the skin lasts for three to four weeks. Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks at 22-27°C. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation. The resulting wine was then aged in new French and American oak for a minimum of 24 months before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

The Gran Reserva has a brilliant ruby-red colour with tinges of brick red. Mature and elegant, the wine's rich aromatic complexity is initially subtle, revealing itself more and more as the wine breathes. Toasted oak nuances and coconut give way to notes of leather and damp earth from bottle ageing. On the palate, silky, rounded tannins accompany fresh red berries, dried raisins and spicy notes. This is a complex wine with exceptional concentration and a long finish.

### AWARDS

International Wine & Spirit Competition 2018, Silver Outstanding  
Sommelier Wine Awards 2018, Silver

Grape Varieties    **90% Tempranillo**  
                          **10% Graciano**

Winemaker        **César Fernandez**

Closure            **Natural Cork**

ABV                **14%**

Residual Sugar    **2g/L**

Acidity            **5.32g/L**

Wine pH           **3.5**

Bottle Sizes       **75cl, 150cl**