

R. LÓPEZ DE HEREDIA

‘Top 100 Winery’

- Wine&Spirits Mag 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2023

‘Year's Best Rioja Wines’

- Wine&Spirits Magazine December 2019

‘World's Best Vineyards of 2019 - Best in Europe’

- CNN Food&Drink

‘#1 Most Popular Spanish Wines in America’s Top Restaurants’

- Wine&Spirits Magazine 2018, 2019

‘This venerable house has become a modern-day star with its unabashedly traditional Riojas.’ - Wine&Spirits

‘María José López de Heredia is a force of nature. She is the fourth generation to run her family’s R. López de Heredia winery in Rioja, Spain, and, like a Russian nesting doll, she seems to carry her whole family within her. When she talks, she speaks not just for herself but for her father, her grandfather and her great-grandfather, who founded the winery in 1877.’ - Wine Spectator

Year Founded: 1877

Region: La Rioja Alta

Owner: Don Rafael López de Heredia y Landeta

Winemaker: Julio Cesar López de Heredia, María José López de Heredia and Mercedes López de Heredia

Known for: Stands alone in the world for ageing red, whites, and rosés in the traditional manner. A worldwide icon.

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There are few wineries in Spain, or in the world, whose name conjures the heritage, and prestige evoked by R. López de Heredia. Little about this winery has changed in the 137 years, since its founding, by Don Rafael López de Heredia. The family adheres to a winemaking doctrine blueprint ed in the 1880s – to make wine only from their own vineyards. Fermentation takes place in their 72 large oak vats, some of which are 139 years old. After fermentation, the wines are ready to be aged in 14,000 handmade American oak barrels. The wines will remain at R. López de Heredia’s underground cellars, stored at perfect temperature and tranquility, for a minimum of 3 to 10 years. The wines acquire their smoothness and bouquet during the bottle aging that follows, a minimum of 3



years for Crianzas, and 10 years for Gran Reserva wines. Don Rafael López de Heredia acquired Viña Tondonia from a group of clergy in 1913. The Tondonia vineyard is a beautiful vineyard of over 247 acres, 1,600 feet above sea level, situated on the right bank of the Ebro River, in Rioja Alta. The soil is alluvial clay with a high concentration of limestone. There are 4 varieties of red grapes planted in this vineyard: Tempranillo, Mazuelo, Graciano, and Garnacho. The Tondonia vineyard also has a few acres of white grapes (Viura and Malvasia), from which R. López de Heredia makes their Tondonia Blanco. This small section of the vineyard is widely regarded as some of the most definitive “terroir” for white Rioja.



2016 'Viña Gravonia Crianza'

100% Viura. Barrel aged for 4 years, being racked twice per year and fined with fresh egg whites. Unfiltered.

96 Points – James Suckling – “Aromas of cashews, roasted almonds, saffron, white truffles, honey, dried lemons and beeswax. Bright acidity with cream, nuts and subtle white fruit on the palate. Long and savory in nature. Such a beautiful wine with a finish that lasts a minute. Classic Lopez de Heredia and one of the best.”

95 Points – Robert Parker - “2016 was a superb vintage in Rioja, and the 2016 Viña Gravonia Blanco, which has the cellar aroma that all the wines, especially the whites, have, due to the longer time the wines spend in barrel. The white vines in this vineyard are now 92 years old and their juice was fermented in old oak vats with indigenous yeasts. They explained, “We have never used selected yeasts.” It was matured in their well-seasoned American oak barrels for four years. It's paler than any of the other whites, and it has a little less pungency, with very good freshness. It's elegant, subtle, clean and ethereal.”



2013 'Viña Tondonia' Reserva White

90% Viura, 10% Malvasia. Barrel aged for 4 years, being racked twice per year and fined with fresh egg whites. Unfiltered.

95 Points - James Suckling - “An open, balsamic expression of Tondonia. It's charming and complex, with white truffles, biscuits, roasted macadamia nuts and a touch of Parmesan cheese. Bright and expressive, with a medium body and a long, fluid finish.”

95 Points - Vinous - “This wine defies expectations of youth with its bright amber hue. Subtle aromas of honey, dried apricot, tangerine peel and faint oak greet the senses. Initially rich and overwhelming, it evolves into a gently chalky flow with a refreshing touch on the palate. This complex white wine, with its long-lasting finish and final hint of hazelnut, stands for its aging potential like Rioja whites of old.”

2012 'Viña Tondonia' Reserva



'Top 100 Spanish Wines of 2022' -James Suckling

'Top 100 Wines of 2020' -International Wine Report

70% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacho, 10% Graciano and Mazuelo. Barrel aged for 4 years, being racked twice per year and fined with fresh egg whites. Unfiltered.

"A beautiful example of classical Rioja, with the developing aromatic and flavor complexity of a thirteen-year-old wine that is, in reality, just beginning its vinous journey. A very fine example of why one does not have to focus exclusively on Gran Reservas to get the best of Rioja!" -John Gilman

96 Points - James Suckling – “Savory berries, plums, iron, minerals, tobacco, ink and blood oranges. Very bright, juicy and structured, with sensational balance, aged savoriness and brightness that are typical of Tondonia reds.”

95 Points – Robert Parker

2013 'Viña Bosconia Red Reserva'



Top 100 Spanish Wines' - James Suckling 2023

80% Tempranillo, 15% Garnacho, Mazuelo and Graciano, the remainder, all from our own vineyards. Barrel aged 5 years, being racked twice per year and fined with fresh egg whites.

95 Points – James Suckling – “Savory berries, preserved plums, iron, orange peel, dry earth, walnut husks, graphite and mussel shells. Full-bodied with depth and excellent structure. Tannins are grippy yet fine-grained and juicy, with a long, bright finish. A select, concentrated vintage.”

93+ Points – Robert Parker

2015/2016 'Viña Cubillo Crianza'



65% Tempranillo, 25% Garnacho, Mazuelo and Graciano, the remainder, all from our own vineyards. Barrel aged 3 years, being racked twice per year and fined with fresh egg whites.

94 Points – '16 Vinous - “Reveals enticing notes of cherry marmalade complemented by herbal, mint-like hints. Dry, intense and fairly grippy. Firm and juicy with a vibrant core, it presents itself as a flavorful red in its primary state. I anticipate that further bottle-aging will unlock deeper complexities, and I look forward to revisiting it in the years to come.”

94 Points – '16 Robert Parker

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94 Points – '15 James Suckling – “Complex aromas of cherries, figs and spices with some fresh flowers follow through to a medium to full body with creamy tannin texture and a sour cherry aftertaste. So drinkable and refreshing but it has a pretty tannin backbone.”