



IMPORTANT AND HISTORIC RIOJA  
COMPAÑÍA BODEGUERA  
**VALENCISO**  
OLLAURI • LA RIOJA

In 1998 Rioja winemakers Luis Valentín and Carmen Enciso collaborated with Radoux (extremely fine French barriques) and several meticulous growers to create Valenciso to produce a single wine: an outstanding Rioja of the highest possible quality, regional typicity and varietal authenticity, released exclusively as a Reserva.

In the manner of Burgundy and the greatest Riojas of the past, aromatic volume rather than physical weight is the Valenciso ideal. Only a small percentage of the available fruit from grower-partners is selected, harvested physiologically ripe and healthy from mature, low-yielding vines offering maximum intensity without the over-ripeness that brings excessive alcohol. Crafted in Valenciso's new winemaking facility in the traditional village of Ollauri, the wine is aged in the finest cork-grade (flor) French oak barriques, one third of which are replaced each year. Aging regimen varies depending on vintage characteristics and exhaustive examination and tasting.

Valenciso's gorgeous balance offers early accessibility, while evident structure, fresh acidity and fruit intensity promise many years of positive evolution in the cellar.

#### **VALENCISO RESERVA**

100% Tempranillo aged 22 months in fine-grained French oak. Highly polished, tightly wound and elegant Rioja with an impressively sophisticated aromatic profile. Fine tannins provide a silky texture, leading to a persistent finish of red berry fruits and sweet oak. Blossoms through decant yet will age gracefully over decades.

**Tanzer's IWC on the 2004: 91 points** "Powerful aromas of dried cherry, black raspberry, dark chocolate, tobacco and sexy oak spices. Sweet, creamy red and dark berry and cherry compote flavors are framed by velvety tannins and become spicier with air. A zesty mineral note carries into the finish. Deeply flavored in the style of the vintage, but this wine possesses very good energy too. Finishes with alluring sweetness and excellent cling. This is built for the long haul."

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