

LUBERRI RIOJA GRAN RESERVA



Tempranillo, 80-90-year-old vines. Luberrí's Gran Reserva is true to the house philosophy that wine should be incredibly enjoyable right out of the bottle. This Gran Reserva is exceptionally well-balanced, harmonious and very accessible with plenty of fruit. It drinks great right now while offering additional rewards for further cellar time. Incredible aging potential.

Luberrí farms old vine tempranillo principally between the villages of Elciego and Laguardia, directly in the heart of the Rioja Alavesa region. Luberrí Gran Reserva is made from two of their oldest vineyards of 80 to 90-year-old tempranillo: Las Salinas at 600m and Rehoyos at 460m. The soil is clay and limestone. Completely destemmed grapes fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel. Aged in new and 1-year-old French oak barrels for 36 months.

Florentino Martínez Monje, the incredible force behind Luberrí, is a jovial and mercurial spirit with a heart the size of Rioja. He is also a serious winemaker, a self-made cosechero who is so talented he often makes his craft look easy. In reality, he is one of the most respected farmers in Rioja because he grew up in the vineyards and understands his landscape better than almost anyone alive. Florentino and his wife María José started their family winery in 1991. Florentino wanted to make wines which expressed the truth and gastronomy of his native Basque region. Wines that make people happy. In the winery, Florentino participates in all aspects of the production, but his true passion lies in his work in the vineyards. All the plots are farmed ecologically, with each individual vineyard site fermented and vinified separately. All of the cuvées at Luberrí are well-considered blends of specific neighboring parcels that yield a certain individual personality for each wine. Essentially all of the wines from Luberrí are single-vineyard expressions.

The next generation at Luberrí is led by Florentino's two daughters Miren and Laura, with Laura's husband Carlos taking on a key role in the cellar, ensuring Luberrí will be a family affair for generations to come.

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