

## **BODEGAS HNOS. PEREZ PASCUAS (D.O. Ribera del Duero, Spain)**

Bodegas Hnos. Pérez Pascuas is an example of a well-consolidated cellar, family owned for 3 generations, distinguishing itself by maintaining an irreproachable personality in its wines year after year.



### **THE WINERY**

This wine cellar, a pioneer in Ribera del Duero, released their first vintage in 1980, when three brothers: Benjamín, Manuel, and Adolfo Pérez Pascuas, convinced of the excellent potential that lay in the vineyards owned by their father, decided to undertake an ambitious project: "to make one of the best wines in Spain..."

This is a family cellar, which has focused on quality from its inception, with hard work at the vineyard, and intense dedication. Currently, 500,000 bottles are produced yearly, and this limited production allows for strict controls over the winemaking process from start to finish.

All grapes come from their own 333 acres of vineyards: 90% Tinta fino (Tempranillo) and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. A great number of the vines are over twenty-five years old and grow on privileged soils.

The vineyards are located in Pedrosa de Duero in the D.O. Ribera del Duero. The terrain is smooth and the soils are clay-calcareous. The vineyards are located at an altitude of 2,624 feet above sea level.

This climate is Continental, with an Atlantic influence, and an average year-round temperature of 52°F, with an annual rainfall of about 19 inches.

## THE WINE

### PÉREZ PASCUAS GRAN SELECCIÓN GRAN RESERVA, 2011 (red)



This wine is the result of choice grapes from vines averaging 70 years old. Mauro Pérez was born surrounded by the vines of Pedrosa de Duero. A wise man with a deep love of his land, he tilled the vineyards, and planted vines that today are the source of this unique wine. The wise, old, crooked vines, in the Valtarreña Estate, are filled with many virtues acquired throughout their long life, producing grapes of exceptional quality. "The family's wine" offers supreme quality at its highest exponent.

- **Grapes:** 100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), 70 year old vines.
- **Aging:** 26 months in barrels (French and American oak) minimum of at least 4 years bottle aging before release.
- **Taste:** Lively, with marked nerve, and very fine tannins. Beautiful structure, powerful, and very well balanced. Noticeable persistence. Complex aroma, blending primary notes of red currants, and licorice, with numerous spicy, and mineral hints. A very wide wine and voluptuous.
- **Color:** Intense red, with dark cherry hues, and a pomegranate rim, evident of a very slow, positive development. Beautiful, very intense.

#### CRITICS AND REVIEWS

-Wine Spectator Magazine Online, May '19 gave 92 points to Pérez Pascuas Gran Selección, Gran Reserva. "Firm and focused, this red shows depth and balance. Plum and currant flavors mingle with espresso, loamy earth and spicy notes. The tannins are well-integrated and orange peel acidity keeps this lively. Solid."

-eRobertParker.com, The Wine Advocate, August '18 gave 96 points to 2012 Pérez Pascuas Gran Selección, Gran Reserva. "...a monumental, classical Ribera del Duero, still young and lively, a little closed on the nose, but showing magnificent harmony on the palate, with super refined tannins. It's gobsmacking. It's pure Tinto Fino from an 83-year-old vineyard..."

### VIÑA PEDROSA GRAN RESERVA, 2011/12 (red)



- **Grapes:** 90% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Very limited production from privileged vineyard.
- **Aging:** 24 months in barrels (French and American oak), minimum 36 months in bottle before release, excellent longevity (12 - 15 years).
- **Taste:** Wide, ripe tannins, opulent, mouth-filling, good structure. Elegant tones of aging in wood are manifested with spicy hints present. Very complex to the nose. Elegant aging bouquet. Its extreme complexity, and solid, powerful structure, provide the elegance, and potential to continue growing in the bottle.
- **Color:** Clean, significantly deep, dark cherry red with hints of carmine and light tawny hues, having a lively, youthful glow.

#### CRITICS AND REVIEWS:

-eRobertParker.com, The Wine Advocate, August '18 gave 94 points to 2012 Viña Pedrosa Gran Reserva. "...example of how great viticulture can achieve balanced grapes and therefore wines, which is the way, and their way. Surprisingly enough, they used some 10% Cabernet Sauvignon in this bottling, which aged in barrique for 24 months and achieved a "moderate" 14% alcohol. It has great intensity and length..."

-Wine & Spirits "Focus: Ribera Del Duero", June '18 gave 95 points to 2011 Viña Pedrosa Gran Reserva. "This Gran Reserva defines Pérez Pascuas style. It's an elegant Ribera del Duero, it's red cherry flavors melding with firm tannins, and an acidity that emphasizes the overall freshness of the wine, supporting the verticality in its structure. Deliciously herbal, with soft touches of cinnamon..."

## VIÑA PEDROSA RESERVA, 2014/15 (red)



- **Grapes:** 90% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, average vine age 35 years old. Wine made from the best vintages, hand picked grapes from the estate's select plots. Will develop beautifully over the next 10 - 12 years.
- **Aging:** 24 months in barrel (French and American oak), minimum 18 months in bottle before release.
- **Taste:** Spices, smoke, licorice, and light hints of truffles. Noble tannins with concentrated, very intense flavors, resulting from grapes picked at their optimum ripeness. In the mouth it's powerful, robust, and wide, very serious, with great character. Tasty, with good acidity, and tannin, promising long life. Very persistent with a long, agreeable, slightly bitter finish.
- **Color:** Intense ruby red with purple hues and blue reflections.

### CRITICS AND REVIEWS:

- **Wine Spectator Magazine, May '19** gave **91 Points** to **2014 Viña Pedrosa Reserva**. "Shows depth and energy. Espresso, tar and loamy earth notes frame a core of currant and plum pudding flavors firm tannins and juicy acidity keep this lively."

- **eRobertParker.com, The Wine Advocate, August '18** gave **93 points** to **2015 Viña Pedrosa Reserva**. "...the toasted and smoky tones from the barrels are a little more marked, but the palate shows the balance, and restraint that made them famous. The tannins are fine-grained and there is great balance, with that elegant rusticity common throughout their portfolio..."

- **Wine & Spirits "Focus: Ribera Del Duero", June '18** gave **94 points** to **2014 Viña Pedrosa Reserva**. "With its depth of ripe fruit, this wine's youth is revealed in smoky notes of oak (it rested two years in barrels). Behind the smokiness, there are hints of Mediterranean spice, sweet and fragrant, intertwined in a mesh of fine tannins..."

## VIÑA PEDROSA RESERVA "LA NAVILLA", 2014/15 (red)



- **Grapes:** 100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) coming from the single vineyard, La Navilla, with chalky clay soil, and an altitude of 2,700 feet above sea level, their highest vineyard. The average age of the vines is 30 years old. An exceptional terroir, where the authentic clone of Tinto Fino, grafted from the old vineyards of the Pérez Pascuas brothers, reaches its maximum extent, and singularity.
- **Aging:** 20 months in French oak barrels, minimum of 12 months in bottle.
- **Taste:** Good structure, dense, concentrated, with noble tannins of great quality, round, and without any sharp points. Very complex aromas, fruit, smoke, spicy notes, a great balance between fruit and oak. Its toasted aromas, and minerality, give it a very original sensation, with a good intensity, and elegance.
- **Color:** Cherry red, very vivid, intense, and bright.

### CRITICS AND REVIEWS:

- **Wine Spectator Magazine, May '19** gave **91 Points** to **2015 Viña Pedrosa "La Navilla" Reserva**. "This generous red delivers plum, blackberry and currant flavors backed by cocoa, loamy earth and licorice notes. Plush but solidly built."

- **eRobertParker.com, The Wine Advocate, August '18** gave **94 points** to **2015 Viña Pedrosa "La Navilla" Reserva**. "...ferments with indigenous yeasts, and this one matured for some 20 months in oak. This is clean, open and perfumed, refined and expressive, with great balance and freshness..."

## VIÑA PEDROSA CRIANZA, 2014/15



- **Grapes:** 100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo)
- **Aging:** 18 months in barrels (French and American oak), minimum 12 months in bottle before release. Estimated aging potential: 8 - 12 years.
- **Taste:** Meaty, sumptuous, and full of character, with abundant fruit, glycerin, tannins, and toasted oak. In the mouth it's very wide, powerful, voluminous, smooth, but with perfectly integrated tannins; showing great character, round, and very long. It has an elegant bitter touch on the finish, very persistent both in taste, and aroma.
- **Color:** Intense cherry red with a violet rim, deep.

### CRITICS AND REVIEWS:

-eRobertParker.com, *The Wine Advocate*, August '18 gave 92+ points to 2016 Viña Pedrosa Crianza. "...shows the perfect vintage, like when they harvested perfect grapes in the harvest dates of yesteryear. This has a classical profile, with spice, and smoke from the barrel nicely integrated with the fruit, with no excess. A Crianza like the ones that made the appellation famous. Elegant, balanced, and powerful, but harmonious..."

-International Wine Report, April '18 gave 90 points to 2015 Viña Pedrosa Crianza. "An outstanding Crianza, this bright colored wine opens with ripe and plump red fruit aromatics, that fill the glass with a kiss of toasty oak. Lithe and on the lighter side, this shows good freshness with dark cherry, and cigar ash flavors that linger..."

-eRobertParker.com, *The Wine Advocate*, March '17 gave 92 points to 2014 Viña Pedrosa Crianza. "This has an elegant texture with very fine tannins and very good freshness. This is as classical as it gets in Ribera del Duero, and very representative of the house style, with very clean oak, and balance, to develop for a very long time. A benchmark for Crianza wines from Ribera del Duero."

## EI PEDROSAL RESERVA, 2006 (red)



- **Grapes:** 90% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.
- **Aging:** 24 months in barrels (French and American oak), 10 years in the bottle before release.
- **Taste:** Intense and complex, on the nose, where we can still find red fruit aromas, balsamic notes, nuts, a slight toasted background, very clean, and intense. In the mouth it's alive, well balanced, and fine. Elegant and complex, showing its optimum evolution in the bottle. It's now in a great moment for consumption, but will develop positively for the next 8-10 years. A fresh, Atlantic wine, that still shows youth.
- **Color:** Cherry red with ruby hints.

### CRITICS AND REVIEWS:

-eRobertParker.com, *The Wine Advocate*, August '18 gave 95+ points to 2005 El Pedrosal Reserva. "One of the big surprises of my round in Ribera del Duero... It expresses the varietal, place and year, with a developed nose full of notes of tea leaves, fine leather, earth, and brick dust. The label somewhat makes me think of those from López de Heredia in Rioja and, to a point, the wine too. It's polished and sleek, elegant in that rustic style Ribera del Duero is capable of. It has moderate alcohol and very good acidity. This is a classical red that could probably age for 25 years. It's a different style from the rest of the Pérez Pascuas portfolio, a wine crafted specially for their US importer, and in principle, it's only going to be sold in the US. A great vin de garde. One to chase!"

## EL PEDROSAL CRIANZA, 2015 (red)



- **Grapes:** 100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo)
- **Aging:** 12 months in barrels (French and American oak) and at least 12 months bottle aged.
- **Taste:** On the palate it's powerful, fruity, with noble tannins that give a great concentration, and opulence. Vivid, with sensations of fruit, menthol, cocoa, toasted coffee, and minerals. Clearly distinguishable aromas of fresh fruit, underscored by notes of cedar, and licorice, with a most elegant mineral touch. Powerful and enveloping in the mouth, with a very long finish. Great intensity on the nose, ripe fruit, balsamic, spicy aromas, with a wonderful mineral backbone.
- **Color:** An exuberant wine with a deep, ruby-red color.

### CRITICS AND REVIEWS:

-eRobertparker.com, *The Wine Advocate*, August '18 gave **91+ points** to **2016 El Pedrosal**. "...fresh and long-lived...This wine has the balance between ripeness and freshness, power and elegance, with a spicy touch from the oak that is not intrusive. Great freshness, one of the best vintages for this entry-level red from the Pérez Pascuas family."

- *Wine & Spirits "Focus: Ribera Del Duero"*, June '18 gave **90 points** to **2015 El Pedrosal**. "In spite of the ripeness of the fruit, and its sweet spice, this wine is driven by tense tannins, with a perfect balance of acidity. You could cellar this several years, though it's drinking well now with beef stew."

- **James Suckling**, "*The Alluring Freshness of Spain*", July '17 gave **90 points** to **2014 El Pedrosal**. "The oak is sitting up high in the nose and palate here with dark berry jam and coconut from top to tail..."

-*Wine Spectator*, August '17 gave **90 points** to **2014 El Pedrosal**. "Black cherry, licorice, and loamy earth flavors show depth, and focus in this plush red. Well-integrated tannins and fresh acidity give this structure. Harmonious, with a lovely core of fruit..."