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## Press release

# Best of Rioja 2025: A Viñedo Singular takes the top spot

The best wine in the 2025 VINUM 'Best of Rioja' Competition has come from the Viñedos Singulares category: Bodega Hermanos Hernáiz have secured first place among the more than 250 wines tasted with their Viñedo Singular 2019. Together with the white Gran Reserva 2015 from Hacienda El Ternerero, Rioja has demonstrated once again how fantastically well the classic can rub shoulders with the modern in this region.

Coinciding with the wine region's hundredth birthday, this result showcases Rioja's potential for renewal and dynamism. The Viñedos Singular 2019 is a classic under a new guise – the wine was bottled under the very recently introduced classification for single vineyards and impressed the judging panel to score 96 points. The 'best in show' among the whites was the Gran Reserva 2015 Pribatibo by Hacienda El Ternerero. This 100% Viura demonstrates how magnificently this variety can age. The judging panel awarded this wine 95 points.

## Second year of the competition

The VINUM 'Best of Rioja' competition was being held for the second time. More than 250 wines were presented by Spanish winemakers and by merchants in Germany and Switzerland. An 11-person judging panel selected the best wines across four categories – Genérico/Vino de Autor/Joven, Crianza, Reserva (red wines), and Genérico/Vino de Autor/Joven/Crianza Blanco (white wines). Prizes were awarded in all of these categories. The top organic wines were also selected.

## Media information

All of the results have now been finalised. The top results will be published in the current VINUM edition 11/2025, and all finalist wines and a ranking will be published on the website.

All final wines, detailed information, and sources at: <http://www.vinum.eu/best-of-rioja>

Logos and bottle images to download: <https://we.tl/t-sGS9Lnvqva>



Scan the QR code for an overview of all the results!

## About VINUM – the magazine for wine culture

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## Winners of the VINUM International Wine Competition 'Best of Rioja 2025'

### BEST IN SHOW

**Best Red Wine** **Alta Finca La Emperatriz Viñedo Singular, 2019, Rioja DOCa**, Hermanos Hernaiz Viñedos y Bodegas, S.l.u., Baños de Rioja

**Best White Wine** **Gran Reserva Pribatibo Blanco, 2015, Rioja DOCa**  
Hacienda El Ternero, Haro

### Category 1: Genérico/Vino de Autor/Joven

1st place **Valdemar Balcón de Pilatos Maturana, 2022, Rioja DOCa**  
Bodegas Valdemar, Oyón

2nd place **Pensante Selección Especial, 2015, Rioja DOCa**  
Casa Primicia, S.a., Laguardia (álava)

3rd place **Lanzaga, 2020, Rioja DOCa**  
Compañía de Vinos Telmo Rodriguez, Logroño

### Category 2: Crianza – tinto

1st place **Crianza Bodegas Beronia, 2021, Rioja DOCa**  
Bodegas Beronia, Ollauri

2nd place **Oriental Crianza Egomei Carpress, 2018, Rioja DOCa**  
Compañía de Vinos Heraclio, Alfaro

3rd place **Crianza Ontañón, 2021, Rioja DOCa**  
Bodegas Ontañón, Aldenueva de Ebro

### Category 3: Reserva – tinto

1st place **Reserva Viña Olabarri, 2018, Rioja DOCa**  
Viña Olabarri, Haro

2nd place **Tempranillo Julian Madrid Reserva, 2018, Rioja DOCa**  
Casa Primicia, S.a., Laguardia (álava)

3rd place **Mayor de Ondarre Reserva, 2019, Rioja DOCa**  
Bodegas Ondarre, Viana

### Category 6: Genérico/Vino de Autor/Joven/Crianza

1st place **Colección Vivanco 4 Varietales Blanco de Guarda, 2016, Rioja DOCa**, Bodegas Vivanco, Briones

2nd place **Phinca la Revilla Blanco Sexto Año, 2014, Rioja DOCa**  
Bodegas Bhilar, Elvillar

3rd place **Alavesa Villota Blanco, 2022, Rioja DOCa**  
Viña del Lentisco, Lapuebla de Labarca, Alava

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1st place	<b>Reserva Arriezu, 2017, Rioja DOCa</b> Navarrsotillo, Lanciego
2nd place	<b>Carravalseca Reserva, 2018, Rioja DOCa</b> Casa Primicia, Elvillar
3rd place	<b>Alavesa Bhilar, 2023, Rioja DOCa</b> Bodegas Bhilar, Andosilla, Navarra
4th place	<b>Bhilar Blanco, 2022, Rioja DOCa</b> Bodegas Bhilar, San Vicente de la Sonsierra
5th place	<b>Pies Negros, 2023, Rioja DOCa</b> Bodegas y Viñedos Artuke, Andosilla, Navarra

All the finalist wines can be found at  
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