

## ALTOS IBÉRICOS RESERVA 2016

*In 2005, the Torres family decided to open a winery in the town of Labastida, in the very heart of the Rioja Alavesa region. Torres was well aware of the region's winegrowing potential, which allows for the production of high-quality wines that display remarkable personality and mature beautifully. Altos Ibéricos is named after Alto Otero, the beautiful enclave that is home to the winery.*

### 2016 VINTAGE NOTES:

In 2016, the vineyard had good climate conditions that resulted in excellent health status. However, the lack of water in May and high temperatures during the summer delayed the ripening of the fruit. Fortunately, the rainfall in late August provided some relief to the vineyard, allowing sufficient levels of ripeness to be achieved. As a result, the 2016 harvest season began on the usual dates.

### VINEYARDS:

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Tempranillo, predominately from Rioja Alavesa

**Appellation:** DOCa Rioja

### VINIFICATION:

**Fermentation:** In stainless steel under controlled temperature for approximately 1 week

**Winemaking:** 15-18 days maceration

**Aging:** 18 months in French oak, partially new; followed by 18 months minimum bottle aging before release

### TECHNICAL DETAILS:

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**pH:** 3.58

**Total Acidity:** 5.2 g/L

**Residual Sugar:** 0.5 g/L

### TASTING NOTES:

Dark ruby red color with lovely pigment. Intense aromas of red forest fruits like raspberry and cherry jam with licorice complimented by toasty notes. Velvety on the palate, with exquisitely fine-grained, smooth tannins, beautifully matured in both oak and bottle.

