

# REAL DE ASÚA

## 2010

- 91 points Wine Spectator
- 96 points Wine Enthusiast
- 93 points Guía Peñín

Wine which was born in 1994 as a tribute to the founders of the winery, the Real de Asúa brothers. It is produced with grapes harvested from the property vineyards in Villalba (Rioja Alta).

**Name of Wine:** REAL DE ASÚA  
**Type of Wine:** Red Wine  
**Region of Production:** Rioja  
**Year:** 2010  
**Vintage Rating:** Excellent  
**Grape Varieties:** 100% Tempranillo

**Bottle Type:** Bordeaux  
**Case / Bottle Size:** C/6 – 75cl  
Magnum 1.5l

**Alcoholic Volume:** 14.2 % Vol.  
**Total Acidity:** 5.1 gr/l  
**pH:** 3.61  
**Volatile Acidity:** 0.55 (gr./l)  
**SO2 Free / Total:** 30/80  
**Colour Intensity:** 16,2

### WINEMAKING

In our very best vineyards in Villalba and Haro we constantly monitor the ripening of both the skins and the flesh of the grapes. This is performed by regular tasting of the grapes which allows us to determine the exact dates for harvesting. Our first selection is collected in small boxes and taken to the winery, where the grapes are spread onto a triage table, and a second selection is made. The grapes ferment in oak vats, where after the fermentation they remain for five weeks, at controlled temperatures, with carefully monitored pumping over and submersion of the cap to extract optimum colour and aromas from the skins.

### VINTAGE / HARVEST DESCRIPTION

2010 was qualified as excellent vintage by the DOC Rioja. It was a very wet spring followed by a mild, cloudy and very dry summer. The excellent state of the crop is due to a favourable climate during the year. In comparisons to previous vintages, this one starts with punctuality and involves slowly without incidence during October, allowing a selective harvest, confirming the excellent maturity which produced a good ripening and a high quality grapes.

### TASTING NOTE

This attractive deep plum coloured red has intense ripe, red fruit on nose, with spices and mocha/coffee notes and a touch of balsamic from the oak. A well balanced palate with ripe, fine tannins over a rich, meaty structure and a lingering, fine finish with good acidity and long lasting fresh tannins.



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