



Cristina Forner, proprietor

## Rioja Red

Selected from 154 wines recommended over the past two years

★★★★★ **Marqués de Cáceres 2001 Rioja Reserva**

(94 points, \$23, 10/07, Vineyard Brands, Birmingham, AL)

The 2001 vintage was one of the best on record for Rioja, and many of the gran reservas from that harvest will last for decades. The same could be said for some of the less expensive reservas, such as this bottle from Cáceres. As a young wine it shimmers with juiciness then explodes into detailed flavors of cherry, cranberry, orange zest and herbs. It has the elegance the Forner family's Bordelais influence brings to Rioja, and the power of a great vintage, a combination that's rare to find in a \$23 wine. —J.G.

- ★★★★ **Beronia 2001 Rioja Reserva** (92 points, \$19, 12/08, The San Francisco Wine Exchange, San Francisco, CA)
- ★★★★ **Ramón Bilbao 2001 Rioja Reserva** (93 points, \$25, 10/07, William Grant & Sons, NY)
- ★★★★ **Viña Izadi 2003 Rioja Reserva** (93 points, \$25, 12/07, Fine Wine Imports, Frederick, MD)
- ★★★★ **R. de Ayala Lete e Hijos 2001 Rioja Reserva Viña Santurnia** (92 points, \$20, 12/07, Antalva Imports, Los Angeles, CA)
- ★★★★ **Altanza 2004 Rioja Lealtanza Crianza** (92 points, \$22, 12/08, Quality Wines of Spain, NY)
- ★★★★ **Ijalba 2001 Rioja Reserva** (92 points, \$23, 12/08, Baron François, NY)
- ★★★★ **Lan 2005 Rioja Crianza** (90 points, \$14, 12/08, Monsieur Touton Selections, NY)
- ★★★★ **Ondalan 2005 Rioja Crianza** (90 points, \$16, 12/08, P.R. Grisley, Salt Lake City, UT)
- ★★★★ **Bilbaínas 2003 Rioja Viña Pomal Crianza** (89 points, \$11, 12/08, Vinum Int'l., Napa, CA)
- ★★★★ **El Coto de Rioja 2004 Rioja Coto de Imaz Reserva** (91 points, \$22, 12/08, Frederick Wildman and Sons, NY)
- ★★★★ **Telmo Rodríguez 2007 Rioja LZ** (90 points, \$17, 12/08, Vintus, Pleasantville, NY)
- ★★★★ **Viña Valoria 1994 Rioja Gran Reserva** (93 points, \$34, 12/08, Hidalgo Imports, Miami, FL)
- ★★★★ **Muga 2003 Rioja Reserva Selección Especial** (94 points, \$40, 12/07, Fine Estates from Spain, Dedham, MA)
- ★★★★ **Marqués de Cáceres 2001 Rioja Gran Reserva** (93 points, \$35, 12/08, Vineyard Brands, Birmingham, AL)
- ★★★★ **Ramírez de la Piscina 2001 Rioja Reserva** (90 points, \$19, 12/07, Fine Estates from Spain, Dedham, MA)
- ★★★★ **Covila 2001 Rioja Reserva** (90 points, \$19, 12/07, Scoperta Importing Co., Cleveland Heights, OH)
- ★★★★ **Beronia 2005 Rioja Crianza** (89 points, \$14, 12/08, The San Francisco Wine Exchange, San Francisco, CA)
- ★★★★ **Primicia 2001 Rioja Reserva** (91 points, \$25, 12/08, Steve Miles Selections, Denver, CO)
- ★★★★ **Montecillo 2001 Rioja Reserva** (90 points, \$20, 10/07, W.J. Deutsch & Sons, Harrison, NY)
- ★★★★ **Campo Viejo 2001 Rioja Gran Reserva** (90 points, \$20, 12/07, Pernod Ricard USA, Purchase, NY)
- ★★★★ **Ijalba 2001 Rioja Reserva** (90 points, \$20, 12/07, Bibulous, San Francisco, CA)
- ★★★★ **Cune 2005 Rioja Crianza Viña Real** (90 points, \$21, 12/08, Pasternak Wine Imports, Harrison, NY)
- ★★★★ **Heras Cordon 2004 Rioja Vendimia Seleccionada** (92 points, \$32, 12/08, Frontier Wine Imports, Dover, NJ)
- ★★★★ **Darien 2004 Rioja Crianza** (89 points, \$16, 12/08, Signature Imports, Mansfield, MA)
- ★★★★ **Xavier Flouret 2001 Rioja Fé Reserva** (91 points, \$27, 12/08, Cognac One LLC, NY)
- ★★★★ **Ramón Bilbao 1998 Rioja Gran Reserva** (93 points, \$38, 10/07, William Grant & Sons, NY)
- ★★★★ **Labastida 2001 Rioja Reserva** (90 points, \$23, 12/08, Winebow, NY)
- ★★★★ **Altanza 2001 Rioja Lealtanza Reserva Selección Especial** (92 points, \$34, 12/07, Quality Wines of Spain, NY)

