



Old World Wines : Spain, The Rioja region



With over 2500 producers, 500 warehouses and a yearly output of over three million hectolitres, Rioja is Spain's largest wine-producing region.

Riojas are fine, aromatic and balanced. Rioja is divided into three sub-regions: Rioja Alta, Rioja Baja and Rioja Alavesa.

Each region has a distinguishable taste: Rioja Alavesa is rounder and denser, whereas the Rioja Alta is more classical and close to French products.

Rioja Baja wines are less aromatic and are appreciated in compositions with wines from other sub-regions to produce balanced blends.

Rioja's reputation grew during the 19th century when the Marquis de Murrieta created Spain's first fine wine using Bordeaux vinification and growing techniques.

The great bodegas, for which the region is famous for, began to be formed at the end of the 19th century.

With an ideal geographical situation and clement climate, Rioja wines are a delight for the world's greatest wine *aficionados*.

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A documentary of 52'

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English Version

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