



2014 Dominio de ES La Diva

Rating

96

Release Price

\$400

Drink Date

2018 - 2026

Producer: Dominio de ES

From: Spain , Castilla León ,
Ribera del Duero

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Color: Red

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Tempranillo

The third vintage of this micro-single-vineyard 2014 La Diva has 20% Albillo to complement the majority of Tempranillo, as 2014 was a generous crop for white grapes. All the grapes from come from a tiny, 600-plant plot of old vines in the Valdegatiles quarter of the Atauta village. The grapes were destemmed for this wine and fermented in a small, 1,000-liter, open-top oak vat and then the wine matured in two barriques. It felt very young and a little raw, with the toasty aromas from the barrique in the foreground (it was in second year Francois Frères, a barrel that tends to lend toasty aromas that soon disappear into the wine), but he likes the way the barrels oxygenate the wine. The palate is quite compact, with a sinewy texture, abundant fine-grained tannins and a remarkable length. This has character, somehow rustic, but in a way that makes me foresee a nice evolution in bottle. It feels really superb, but it really needs a little more bottle age to burn out the baby fat that is covering it today and reveal the strong wine inside it. Lay it down in your cellar while you enjoy the delicious Viñas Viejas from this same year. I'd like to revisit this in five years. In 2014 they produced two barrels, so some 500 bottles were filled in June 2016.