



Rioja

Bodega Viñedos de Aldeanueva

Winery Info Sheet



Proprietor: Bodegas Viñedos de Aldeanueva founded in 1956, owned by 850 associated vine growers on 6,395 acres of vineyard land (2,600 hectares) comprising 4.2% of DOCa Rioja.

Winemaker / Vineyard Manager: Martin Saenz / Guillermo Martinez.

Location: Zone 4, at 1,230 ft altitude, in the town of Aldeanueva del Ebro, part of the Rioja Baja “lower” sub-region.

Wines Made: Cortijo III Tinto, Cortijo Rose III, Cortijo White III, and Cortijo II Crianza (“Cortijo” farm house).

Climate: *Continental Mediterranean climate (Zone 4) hot days with moderately cold nights and rainfall. Average temperature from April to October is 65.9° F. with rainfall of 8.5 inches during the active growing season of the vine. The vineyards are located at 1,230 ft altitude. In relation to Rioja Alta “high”(Climatic Zone 3) Rioja Baja is warmer, dryer and at lower altitude. All these factors culminate in a shorter grape ripening period with lower tannins, balancing acidity and wines with deep purple plum color, silky and soft in texture and accessible to drink young. Also in Zone 4 are DO’s Campo de Borja, Calatayud and Cariñena located south of Rioja Baja and Somontano towards the west.*

Soil: Are compact composing of a topsoil of limestone with clay subsoil providing good water retention. 1.5% of organic material gives moderate levels of fertility. In May, early pruning is common practice to reduce yields, achieving greater levels of concentration and intensity of flavor.

What makes Cortijo wines Unique? 1) Bodegas y Viñedos de Aldeanueva owns 4.2% of estate owned vineyards in the DOC of Rioja; having a positive impact of quality control over grape growing and pricing. **2)** Simple “easy drinking” wine for “everyday” consumption with intense fruit driven character, supple tannins and well-balanced structure. **3)** Cortijo--one of the greatest values from Rioja--difficult to find at this level of quality and price.



There are 154,100 acres of vineyard land in Rioja.

Sub-Regions	Zone	Average Temp.	Rain Fall
Rioja Alta	3	63.7° F	9.4 in
Rioja Alavesa	3	62.5° F	12.5 in
Rioja Baja	4	65.5° F	8.5 in

The vineyards of Aldeanueva, located in Rioja Baja are warmer and dryer than Rioja Alta and Alavesa.



Aldeanueva owns 4.2% of the vineyards of Rioja, which is equivalent to 6,395 acres.

BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

NAME OF VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES	GRAPES	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
ALFARO PARCEL	3,000	5 TO 20	GARNACHA, TEMPRANILLO	LIMESTONE ND CLAY	1,230 ft	3%
EBRO VALLEY PARCEL	2,000	10 TO 60	TEMPRANILLO, GRACIANO	LIMESTONE ND CLAY	1,230 ft	3%
YERGA ZONE	1,400	25 TO 80	TEMPRANILLO, MAZUELO, VIURA	LIMESTONE ND CLAY	1,230 ft	3%
TOTAL	6,400	TEMPRANILLO (50%), GARNACHA (37%), MAZUELO (4%), GRACIANO (3%), VIURA (6%)				



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Name of Wine: Cortijo III White 2005

Producer: Bodegas Aldeanueva

DO: Rioja (Zone # 4)

Grape Varietal: 100% Viura.

Production: 100,000 Cases made - 25,000 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Martin Saenz

Ageing: Stainless Steel Tanks

Notes:



Name of Wine: Cortijo III Rose 2005

Producer: Bodegas Aldeanueva

DO: Rioja (Zone # 4)

Grape Varietal: 100% Garnacha

Production: 150,000 Cases made – 25,000 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Martin Saenz

Ageing: None

Notes:

Cortijo III Rose 2005 IWC 88 pts

Vivid, pale pink. Floral, stony and fresh on the nose, with scents of wild strawberry, raspberry and redcurrant. Very spicy and lively, the red fruit flavors showing good intensity and excellent clarity. Expands and gains power through the finish, with bright acids providing a firm, bright edge. This is an outstanding rose for the money, with the vivacity and purity of some examples costing two or three times as much. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006

Previous Ratings:

2004 Vintage: 87 pts by Robert Parker June 2005



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Name of Wine: Cortijo III Tinto 2005
Producer: Bodegas Aldeanueva
DO: Rioja (Zone # 4)
Grape Varietal: 100% Tempranillo
Production: 1,500,000 Cases made – 300,000 for the U.S.
Wine Maker: Martin Saenz
Ageing: None
Notes:

Cortijo III Tinto 2005 IWC **88 pts**

Deep red. Fresh, floral and precise aromas of redcurrant, cranberry and rose, with a light note of white pepper. Crisp and racy, with finely etched, tangy red berry flavors and medium weight. Juicy and vibrant on the finish, which boasts very good length for this price point. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006

Previous Ratings:

2004 Vintage: 87 pts by Robert Parker June 2005
"In fact, I cannot think of another Rioja at this price level that offers this much character and fruit."



Name of Wine: Cortijo II Crianza 2003
Producer: Bodegas Aldeanueva
DO: Rioja (Zone # 4)
Grape Varietal: 70% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha, 10% Mazuelo
Production: 200,000 Cases made - 50,000 for the U.S.
Wine Maker: Martin Saenz
Ageing: 12 months in French and American Oak
Notes:

Cortijo II Crianza 2003 IWC **89 pts**

Light red. Wild, gamey and wonderfully perfumed nose features vibrant red berry fruit and pungent notes of tobacco, cured meat and mocha. Impressively fresh and energetic, showing pure red fruit flavors and a chewy texture. A very pretty midweight Rioja, with finishing notes of smoked meat and wild strawberry and impressive persistence. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006

Previous Ratings:

2000 Vintage: 88 pts by Robert Parker June 2005