



GÓMEZ CRUZADO

HONORABLE 2016

GÓMEZ CRUZADO || Founded in 1886, in the heart of Haro's Barrio de la Estación, Gómez Cruzado is a historic cellar and one of only sixteen "Bodegas Centenarias" in all of Rioja. Gómez Cruzado is a unique boutique winery that blends a profound respect for Haro's heritage of fine wines with an unflagging quest for the purest expression of terroir. The heart of the wines is in the vineyards, a mix of almost 100 different supervised plots across three well-defined regions:

RIOJA || Rioja was the first Spanish wine region to obtain DO status, in 1925. In 1991, it was promoted to DOCa (Qualified Designation of Origin), a higher category reserved for wines maintaining a proven consistency and quality over a long period of time. Rioja has three distinct subregions (Alavesa, Alta & Baja) as well as stylistic diversity ranging from the traditional oxidative wines to the full throttle modern style.

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BLEND | Mostly Tempranillo, with Garnacha, Graciano, Mazuelo & Viura (field blend)

VINEYARDS | Honorable is the winery's most historic label dating back more than 100 years to the time when the cellar was bought in 1916 by Ángel and Jesús Gómez Cruzado. - The fruit comes from the oldest vineyards on the estate (50+ years), situated in the foothills of the Sierra Cantabria, with a south-southeast orientation on whitish calcareous clay soils.

WINEMAKING | Primary and malolactic fermentation in new oak barrique with weekly batonage, followed by 18 months in French thin grained oak barrels.

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

BAR CODE | 8423014169730

PRESS | 93 WA

"Honorable has always been the most traditional of their bottlings, but the 2016 Honorable shows a lot less oaky than in past vintages. The wine is fresh and balanced, keeping its balsamic side but giving more room to fruit and chalkiness, coming through as cleaner and more focused. I'm sure the freshness of 2016 has helped, but there is a clear line of progression in all the wines, and Honorable is not an exception." - Luis Gutierrez

