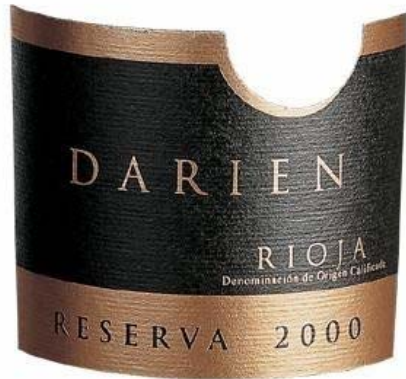


Bodegas Darien

Darien Reserva



WINE:	Darien Reserva
TYPE:	Red Wine
DENOMINATION:	Rioja DOC
VINTAGE:	2000
GRAPE VARIETY:	Tempranillo (66%) Garnacha (20%) Mazuelo (11%) Graciano (3%)
COUNTRY:	Spain

Vinification: Harvested between the end of September and early October, the grape varieties were de-stemmed and then fermented separately over a period of seven days. Maceration occurred over 15 days at cool temperatures followed immediately by malolactic fermentation.

Wines were carefully selected to include those with structure suited to a long period of bottle aging. After blending, the wine was aged for twelve months in French and American oak casks. It was bottled unfiltered and further aged for two years in the bottle. Harvested between the end of September and early October, the grape varieties were de-stemmed and then fermented separately over a period of seven days. Maceration occurred over 15 days at cool temperatures followed immediately by malolactic fermentation.

Blending took place before the wines were transferred to cask. After blending, the wine was aged for twelve months in three year old French and American oak casks. It was bottled unfiltered.

Press: Silver Medal - World Wine Awards:

88 Points: Wine Enthusiast, June 2005 (2000 vintage)

87 Points: Wine Spectator, Aug. 2005 (2000 vintage)

87 Points: Wine & Spirits, June 2005 (2000 vintage)



Tasting Notes: This reserve wine is rich and luscious in texture and flavors. It has a particularly harmonious balance between fruit and oak and shows smoky flavors along with jammy fruit.



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