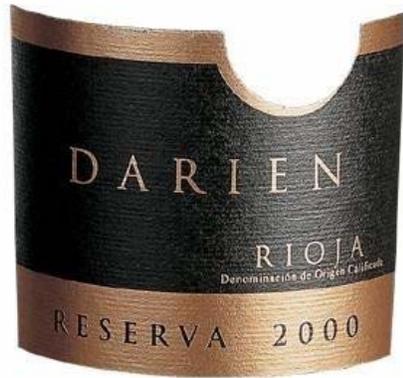


Bodegas Darien

Darien Reserva



WINE:	Darien Reserva
TYPE:	Red Wine
DENOMINATION:	Rioja DOC
VINTAGE:	2002
GRAPE VARIETY:	Tempranillo (85%) Garnacha (10%) Mazuelo (5%)
COUNTRY:	Spain

The Winery: Darien wines provide a seamless blend of tradition and modernity. The vineyards are located just outside of Logroño in the heart of some of the best vineyard land found in Rioja. Darien's new state-of-the-art winery is situated on a terrace overlooking the Ebro River, the vineyards are composed of clay and sandy soils. Darien owns a substantial amount of vineyard land, both at the site outside Logroño and at their estate Las Rades. The control that this affords vineyard manager Juan Luis Gonzalez and winemaker Tomás Iturriaga is evident in the wines. Stylistically, the wines reflect a modern approach while maintaining their traditional roots. Production is small and quality oriented.

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.

Press: Wine Spectator, (2002 vintage), **88 points:** Black cherry, dark chocolate and leaf flavors are focused in this firm, fresh red. Not powerful, but has a polished texture and fine balance. 11/08.

Wine Enthusiast (2002 Vintage) **88 Points:** A saturated wine with some lemony oak aromas accenting deep berry notes. The palate is juicy, tannic and big, with full-sized raspberry and plum flavors. Definitely it pushes things up a notch, and the end result is a brawny solid wine with good balance. 7/08

Decanter, (2002 vintage), **2008 World Wine Awards, Commended.** 10/08.



Tasting Notes: The palate is juicy, tannic and big, with full-sized raspberry and plum flavors. A saturated wine with some lemony oak aromas accenting deep berry notes.