

## Valderiz – Valdehermoso Roble

**Winery Overview:** Bodegas y Vinedas Valderiz S.L. is located in Roa de Duero, in the heart of Spain, about 160 kms north of Madrid and represents 7 generations of vine growers. The vineyards consist of 60 ha planted by Tomás Esteban and 10 ha planted by his father in 1932, which have been successfully maintained. They are spread across 35 parcels, each with different soils, made up of the traditional low bush and trellis. All vines have been grafted from the original vineyards planted almost 100 years ago.

In 1980, the head of the family, Tomás Esteban considered his options for making the most of their plots of land in Ribera del Duero. Located in Roa, the heart of this region, the vinyard began to take shape over the next 10 years with the efforts and devotion of his sons Juan and Ricardo Esteban. Bodegas y Viñedos Valderiz came into being in 1997, and it is now one of the most widely-recognized wineries in the Ribera del Duero.

The family is currently one of the forerunners in organic agriculture in the Ribera del Duero area. The total absence of herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers is the vinyard's distinctive trademark. This practice has led to some forward-thinking to develop biodynamic viticulture and since 2000, a small area of land has been cultivated using biodynamic practices. The "Pago de Valdehermoso" is a vineyard situated in Roa where some of the most complex Tinta del Pais grapes in the Ribera del Duero region are produced, as certified by D.O. enologists benchmark analysis.



Varietal Composition:	100% Tinta del Pais
Appellation:	Ribera del Duero D.O.
Vineyards:	Pago de Valdehermoso; sandy, calcareous clay soil.
Harvest:	Mid-October; hand harvested.
Winemaking:	Organic practices. Stainless steel fermentation with indigenous yeast.
Aging:	10 months in used 80% French oak; 20% American oak. Unfiltered, unfined.
Total Production:	45,000 bottles (3,7500 cases)
Tasting Notes:	Wild, ripe fruit on the palate with scents of lavender, black cherry, and blackberry balanced by cedar and tobacco notes and well structured tannins on the finish.