

LOPEZ DE HEREDIA

1999 TONDONIA RESERVA

“A visit to the venerable Bodega Lopez de Heredia, located in the Rioja Alta capital of Haro, is akin to entering a time machine taking you back 100 years.”

-- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

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What are the critics saying?

“The 1999 Vina Tondonia Blanco Reserva from their flagship Tondonia vineyard, whose name is as known and almost interchangeable with that of the winery, is the white Reserva bottling. The current vintage for white Gran Reserva (which is easily identifiable as it is sealed with thick red-orange wax) is 1991 and the next one will be 1996, which won't be sold until 2016. The white Tondonia Reserva, a blend of 90% Viura and 10% Malvasia, spent six years aging in used barriques during which time it was raked every six months and fined with egg whites before bottling unfiltered. It has a bright yellow color and a serious nose full of old waxed furniture, incense, pollen, dried flowers, mushrooms and a chalky, mineral note. The palate has intense, almost pungent flavors, great complexity and balance. It shows incredibly young for its age. A unique white Rioja and a unique white wine. Drink now-2020.”

92/100 Points - Robert M. Parker, Jr.

The Specs...

Varietal: 90% Viura & 10% Malvasia

Vineyard Age: 40-60 years

Price/bottle: \$59.00

Price/case: \$354.00

Format: 6 x 750mL

Aging: 6 years in older oak barrels and another 9 years in bottle before release.

Food Pairings: All types of fish, grilled seafood or boldly seasoned chicken and pork.

