

# Isaac Fernandez Ribera del Duero (Reserva) 2021 (Red Wine)



This wine is produced from 80+ year-old vines of Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) that was planted in calcareous clay with abundant gravel in the surface using the traditional Gobelet system and aged for 30 months in New French oak barrels (Sylvain Reserve).

This wine combines power, balance, and elegance. It has a superior bouquet of plums, red and black cherries, cigar wrapper, notes of lavender, a fine base of soil and lovely spice framing of new oak. On the palate it is pure, ripe, full-bodied and outstanding mid-palate depth, well-integrated tannins, excellent focus and complexity with a very classy finish and a tremendous potential to age in bottle.

<b>Appellation</b>	Ribera del Duero D.O..
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), from vines 80+ years old planted in Gobelet
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	850 meters / Mainly and with a calcareous predominance, with a slight appearance of clays and some stone on the surface
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested fruit starting first week of October
<b>Production</b>	Grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed prior to fermentation with native microbes, 2 weeks of skin maceration
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 30 months in New French oak barrels (Sylvain Reserve, Taransaud and François Freres).
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack Size</b>	8437012498679 / 8437012498686 / 6

## Reviews:

"This is terrific rendition of Tempranillo (or Tint Fino, as the variety is usually called in Ribera del Duero) that was very well made. There's nothing surprising about the craftsmanship, as Isaac Fernández is among Spain's best and most widely experienced winemakers. No surprise on fruit quality either, as this is made from 80-year-old vines, and because they are grown up at 2,800 feet of elevation, we're talking intense sunlight but cool nights (often downright cold – even in July). The wine's deep, dark pigmentation makes this look formidable and in need of extended aging, but that proves to be incorrect as soon as this is uncorked and hits a glass. The importer's website indicates aging in 100% new French oak, and if that's correct, then the outcome is only explicable in relation to modest toast levels and judicious racking during the 30 months during which the wine was in wood. The "outcome" to be explained is the wine's combination of approachability, depth and intensity and persistence of flavor, and capacity for at least a decade of improvement in bottle – a combination that is remarkable and thoroughly pleasurable. With a core of dark cherry and berry fruit accented by subtle spice notes and suggestions of freshly roasted coffee beans and cocoa powder, this is indisputably delicious. My score may be off on the low side, as the versatility of this wine for those buying now or with cellaring capacity for the long term is as impressive as the best wines costing two or three times the asking price of \$70."

**95 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz- June 26, 2026

"The brilliant 2021 Isaac Fernandez 'Reserva' comes from 100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), fro 80 year old vines planted in Gobelet. This is complex and delicious with mocha, tar and black licorice notes alongside smoky and salty nuances on the palate. Drink 2025-2033."

**92 points OwenBargreen.com;** Owen Bargreen- December 4, 2025

