

2004 Hazana Reserva Vendimia Seleccionada

Rating: 92
Drink: 2014-2024

The 2004 Reserva Vendimia Seleccionada spent 36 months in new French oak. It sports a superb perfume of pain grille, pencil lead, espresso, violets, Asian spies, and blackberry. Velvety-textured with a sense of elegance, this impeccably balanced offering with the oak nicely integrated has the stuffing to unwind for another 5-7 years and will deliver prime drinking from 2014 to 2024 if not longer.

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2007 Hazana Tinto

Rating: 86
Drink: 2010-2013

Hazana's 2007 Tinto is medium ruby-colored with a nose of cinnamon (Dentyne gum), spice box, cherry, and black raspberry. Supple-textured, ripe, and easy-going on the palate, it finishes with no hard edges. Drink this tasty offering over the next 3 years.

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2006 Hazana Crianza

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Drink: -

The 2006 Crianza is 100% Tempranillo aged for 12 months in French and American oak. Dark ruby-colored, it reveals an expressive nose of spice box, cedar, leather, and blackberry. Medium-bodied, savory, and well-balanced, it has enough structure to evolve for 1-2 years although it can be enjoyed now.

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2004 Hazana Reserva

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Drink: 2012-2019

The 2004 Reserva is 100% Tempranillo aged for 24 months in new oak. Deep crimson-colored, it is revealing some secondary aromas from its extended aging. Savory, ripe and with very good depth, it will continue to unfold over the next 2-3 years and be at its best from 2012 to 2019.

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2009 Bodegas Abanico Tempestad Godello

Rating: 91
Drink: 2010-2014

Bodegas Abanico's 2009 Tempestad Godello reflects the outstanding character of the 2009 vintage in Valdeorras. Medium straw-colored, a super-expressive perfume of baking spices, peach, and fruit cocktail leaps from the glass of this intense effort. Rich, concentrated, and with serious depth, this dry, creamy, savory offering has exceptional length and should drink well for another 3-4 years.

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2009 Bodegas Abanico Colinas del Ebro Garnacha Blanca

Rating: 87
Drink: 2010-2012

The 2009 Colinas del Ebro Garnacha Blanca (100%) was made from 100-year-old vines and fermented and raised in stainless steel. Medium straw-colored, it displays a perfume of mineral, candle wax, baking spices, nutmeg, and pit fruits. On the palate it has plenty of spicy fruit, good depth and concentration, and medium length. Drink this very good value over the next 1-2 years.

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2007 Bodegas Abanico Las Colinas del Ebro Tinto Seleccin

Rating: 90
Drink: 2010-2017

The 2007 Las Colinas del Ebro Tinto Seleccin, a blend of 60% Merlot, 25% Syrah, and 15% Garnacha aged for 14 months in new French oak. Deep crimson-colored, it offers up a slightly roasted bouquet of Asian spices, mineral, espresso, blueberry, and black cherry. This is followed by a medium to full-bodied, savory wine with incipient complexity, ripe, layered flavors, and excellent length. It will likely evolve for 1-2 years but can be enjoyed now through 2017.

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2008 Bodegas Abanico Eternum Viti

Rating: 90
Drink: 2010-2016

The 2008 Eternum Viti is 100% Tinta de Toro sourced from 30- to 40-year-old vines and aged for 10 months in 50% new French oak. Purple-colored, it sports an alluring bouquet of toasty oak, scorched earth, tobacco, espresso, and blackberry. Smooth-textured, suave, and palate-coating, this tasty effort can be enjoyed over the next 6 years. It is an outstanding value.

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2008 Bodegas Abanico Eternum Viti Los Colmillos

Rating: 92

Drink: 2015-2028

The 2008 Eternum Viti Los Colmillos is also 100% Tinta de Toro from a vineyard, according to records, planted in 1950. However, there is good reason to believe that it was actually planted in the 1870s. The wine went through ML in new French oak followed by 16 months of aging in barrel. A glass-staining opaque purple color, it delivers a compelling aromatic array of sandalwood, incense, truffle, licorice, and lightly roasted black fruits. Full-bodied and powerful on the palate, the wine is layered, dense, and filled with black fruit flavors, spice notes, and licorice. It will evolve for 5-7 years and offer a drinking window extending from 2015 to 2028. In the scheme of things it is a great value in serious red wine.

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