



Diez-Caballero Crianza, 2015

Elciego, Rioja-Alavesa (Basque)

Victoria Cañas and Antonio Diez-Caballero work with 25 hectares at this old winery in Elciego Primitia, representing the last vestige of a rich winemaking tradition in the Basque region of Rioja-Alavesa. Mountainside cellars excavated in ancient slabs of rock, formerly dug out by monks, barrel condition their small batches of highly lauded Rioja wines.



Varietals

100% Old Vine Tempranillo

Vinification

Manually harvested, fermented in concrete tanks, aged for 15 mos. in French and American oak barrels. Bottle conditioned for 12 mos. in cellar.

2015 Production

6,000 cases

Tasting Notes

“The word that I think best defines this Crianza is honest.

It's clean, subtle, elegant and nicely nuanced.

It has very good fruit and fine-grained tannins. Delicious. Truly impressive.”

-Luis Gutierrez, *The Wine Advocate*

Awards

92 pts. – Robert Parker