



Diez-Caballero Reserva, 2010

Elciego, Rioja-Alavesa (Basque)

Victoria Cañas and Antonio Diez-Caballero work with 25 hectares at this old winery in Elciego Primiticia, 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 18 mos. in French oak barrels. Bottle conditioned for 24+ mos. in cellar.

2010 Production

less than 3,000 cases

Tasting Notes

“..the 2010 Reserva from Diez-Caballero aged in French oak barrique for 18 months and feels very balsamic, aromatic, open and showy in a nice commercial way. The palate shows classic proportions and very nice balance, power without being aggressive, and elegant without being a wimp. Very nice..”

-Luis Gutierrez, *The Wine Advocate*

Awards

91 pts. – Robert Parker