



1990 R. López de Heredia Rioja Reserva Viña Tondonia

WHO R. López de Heredia

WHAT Viura

WHERE Spain, La Rioja, La Rioja Alta, Rioja

WHEN 1990

This character-intense wine is a wonderful compliment to food, but it is much more enjoyable as a contemplative talking point, a wine for consideration and discussion. Wax, chamomile, honey, almond paste, pear, dried flowers, caramel, brioche, and lavender all dance across the palate, and they all come, not from new oak, but from old vines, traditional practices, and the family model that doesn't mind a little mold on the cellar walls. -- E.D.

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