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## Nexo Rioja Crianza 2011 Nexo Rioja Blend

### Viticulture

Soil Type : Clay-calcareous soil poor in organic matter, nutrients and mineral salts, with an abundance of pebbles, remains of alluvium and gravel.

Vine Age :

Irrigation Type : Drip Method

Slope : High density plantation with 4000 vine / ha, located in Rioja Alta.

Harvest Date : October 2011.

Yield (Tons / Hectare): Low.

### Vinification:

This is a blend of 80% Tempranillo, 5% Mazuelo (the name for Carignan in the Rioja region) and 15% Garnacha.

A Rioja Crianza is a wine that was aged for at least two years, with a minimum of one year oak barrel aging.



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Nexo Crianza vineyards are located near Viana, in the heart of the Rioja Alta region, with a mountainous landscape, on the Western edge of the greater Rioja region. Rioja Alta is known for its 'old world' style of wines. A higher elevation equates to a shorter growing season, which in turn produces fresher fruity flavored wines with a lighter style.

High density vineyards, low-vigor grafting, Guyot training for higher vegetation and the drip irrigation method is managed closely to guarantee a good harvest with a certain level of stress for higher quality fruits.

### VINIFICATION

Fermentation took ten days at 28°Centigrade, 18 days long skin maceration and malolactic fermentation in stainless-steel tanks. The wine was then aged for over 12 months in American oak barrels with two racking. Aged further in the bottle for the wine to refine itself.

### Tasting Notes:

Color: Deep red cherry color.

Nose: Dark fruits, some toast, cinnamon and toffee.

Palate: The wine is tasty, with a good structure, meaty and well balanced.

Other: Nexo Crianza will go well with pork, lamb and anything that contains red peppers, paprika, garlic or saffron. It will complement any Spanish influenced cuisine.

### Chemical Analysis:

Alc (%): 13.5

RS (g/l): 2

TA (g/l): 4.8

pH: 3.6

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