

Faustino

Wine Region: Rioja, Spain Date Established: 1861 Winemaker: Rafael Martinez

In the mid 1800s, Eleuterio Martinez Arzok took his first steps toward establishing himself as a producer and merchant of wines from the Rioja region of Spain. An entrepreneurial young man, he started out by selling his wines in the Rioja and Basque regions, directly from the barrel, working from the back of a horse-drawn cart. Much has changed since then and the winery he founded has since become known as one of the premier fine wine producers of the Rioja region.

In the late 1950s, his similarly adventurous descendant, Julio Faustino Martinez, launched the family-owned label in both national and international markets. Today, Bodegas Faustino is Rioja's largest exporter of Gran Reserva wines, accounting for more than one third of Gran Reserva wine exports. The winner of numerous awards and gold medals in international competitions and tastings, Bodegas Faustino is a proud custodian of Rioja's international reputation as a source of truly world-class wines.

With 1600 acres of its own vineyards, Faustino is self-sufficient in producing its Reserva and Gran Reserva wines. The vineyards are located in the upper region of Rioja Alavesa at an altitude of between 1500 and 1800 feet. The climate is cool, influenced by the Atlantic Ocean, and the vines thrive in the chalky soil. The state-of-the-art Faustino winery has a capacity for 90,000 barriques, 70% of which are American oak.



- A family-owned winery managed by Julio and José Miguel Martinez, descendants of Faustino's founder, Eleuterio Martinez Arzok
- Faustino is the export leader of Reserva and Gran Reserva wines, which represent 33% of all Rioja wines
- Their cellars, housing over 13 million bottles and 60,000 barrels, are home to the most extensive Gran Reserva vintage library from any winery in Spain
- The Faustino Reserva and Gran Reserva wines are produced from estate-grown vineyards located in the upper part of Rioja's Alavesa region

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- **FAUSTINO I GRAN RESERVA** 85% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, 5% Mazuelo. An aromatic, complex and highly rated Gran Reserva with an extensive library of vintages. **91 Points** – *Wine Enthusiast*, February 2012; **97 Points "Outstanding"** – *Decanter*, September 2013. **#1 Wine of the Year, 2013**– *Decanter*, January 2014

- **FAUSTINO V RESERVA** 90% Tempranillo; 10% Mazuelo. Medium bodies with red plum, raspberries and cedar. **"Best Buy"** – *Wine Enthusiast*, February 2012.

FAUSTINO CRIANZA 100% Tempranillo. A modern style Rioja with notes of red berries and toasty oak.

FAUSTINO VII TINTO 100% Tempranillo. Ripe red berry fruits and vanilla lead into a smooth, graceful finish.

FAUSTINO VII BLANCO 100% Viura. Green apple citrus notes conclude with a crisp, dry finish.

FAUSTINO VII ROSADO 100% Tempranillo. Garnacha. Alluring raspberry and pear aromas with a clean, well-defined finish.

