

## 2000 BODEGAS R. LOPEZ DE HEREDIA RIOJA TONDONIA RESERVA



*“The 2000 Vina Tondonia is medium crimson-colored with more fruit on the nose and palate than the previous well-aged wines. It combines elegance with some power, while its impeccable balance should see it through several more decades of evolution. It goes without saying that for visitors to Rioja, Lopez de Heredia is an essential place to visit”*

**-Wine Advocate\***

**92 Points**

*The Tondonia vineyard, of López de Heredia is the most spectacular in Haro. This is a beautiful vineyard of 100 hectares, situated on the right bank of the river Ebro, bordering the Basque Rioja, where the most typical Rioja wines are grown. Situated in a shell - like depression in the terrain, it makes up a landscape of alluvium, limestone and poplars.*

*\*The Wine Advocate incorrectly lists this review as being for the 2000 Tondonia Gran Reserva not the Reserva. The current release of the Gran Reserva is 1991, the 2000 Gran Reserva won't be released for years. The review above is for the 2000 Tondonia Reserva.*

***“...as fusty and as backward-looking as López de Heredia may seem, it is paradoxically a winery in the vanguard, its viticulture and winemaking a shining, visionary example for young, forward-thinking producers all over the world.”***

**-Eric Asimov, New York Times**

*There are few wineries in Spain whose names conjure the heritage and prestige evoked by R. Lopez de Heredia. In 1913, Don Rafael purchased the Tondonia vineyard in Haro. This purchase would prove to be perhaps the single best business decision Heredia ever made as this vineyard would prove to be one of Spain's finest sources of Tempranillo, and that is what the Tondonia vineyard has grown for more than 100 years. These are rare and wonderful examples of Rioja's classical wine tradition—and bargains for their age, quality and rarity. The bodega is now in the capable hands of the family's youngest generation—Maria José, Mercedes and Julio César—all in their thirties. Yet, still nothing changes. In fact, these three seem as philosophically committed to the winery's traditions as their parents and their grandparents were before them. Cheers to Lopez de Heredia for their brave effort to adhere to the family's traditional methods and produce these timeless, classic Riojas!*

***“ I've carried this feeling for years, though I've never published it before. My favorite winery in the world is:R. Lopez de Heredia Viña Tondonia, in the Rioja region of Spain.”***

**-David Rosengarten, Rosengarten Report**

