

Wine & Spirits

Focus Rioja Reds

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2016 Rioja Reserva Las Arenas Obalo works with growers in Rioja Alavesa, selecting the oldest parcels for Las Arenas, where the vines range in age from 65 to 90 years. This Reserva aged for 18 months in new French oak barrels, developing a mellow richness and a gentle touch of earthy flavor. It's driven by sweet, pale red-berry fruit, contrasted by tight fruit-skin tannins. While this will stand up to roast meats, it is fine enough to serve with grilled mackerel. *Reviewed by Joshua Greene.*

