



BODEGAS MURIEL

RIOJA, SPAIN



Founded in 1982, when Julian Murua Entrena revived his father, Jose Murua's winery, which dates back to 1926 in the heart of the Rioja Alavesa (one of the three sub-regions that make up Spain's Rioja appellation). The cellars are in the quaint, historic village of Elciego, which is renowned for being surrounded by some of the best "terrior" in Rioja. The name "Muriel" comes from the combination of the family name, Murua, and the name of the town itself, Elciego. Today, Julian and his son Javier run the winery with the mission to meld the long-held winemaking traditions of the region with new technologies and techniques in order to make wines that express the "best qualities" of the grapes coming from these fertile Riojan vineyards. Like most of red wines in the region, all Bodegas Muriel wines are 100% Tempranillo, the "signature" grape of the region. Due to the special micro-climate of the region, there is a triple influence from the Mediterranean, Continental and Atlantic climates, which helps the vines produce very aromatic and elegant wines, whose main characteristic is the potential to age.

Crianza

2005 - 90 Pts, *Stephen Tanzer's Int'l Wine Cellar*
2005 - 89 Pts *Wine Advocate*

JME

2008 - 90 Pts *Wine & Spirits*
2007 - 88 Pts *Wine Spectator*
2007 - 88 Pts *Wine Advocate*

Gran Reserva

2004 - 88 Pts, *Wine Enthusiast*
2001 - 91 Pts *Wine Advocate*

Reserva

2007 - 90 Pts *Wine Enthusiast*
'Best Buy' *Wine & Spirits*
89 Pts *Wine Spectator*
2005 - 90 Pts *Wine Advocate*
2004 - 91 Pts *Wine Advocate*
89 Pts *Wine Enthusiast*

'VS' Vendimia Seleccionada

2005 - 88 Pts, *Wine Enthusiast*



Heraldry is the practice of designing, displaying, and recording coats of arms and heraldic badges. Heraldry, as it is known in the world today, was first introduced in Spain as an art form. Historical records indicate that it was initiated in the 11th century and was developed for the purpose of assigning ranks to knights and nobles in the battlefield. These two heraldic shields represent the founders of the Bodegas Muriel winery. The first shield is the heraldic shield of the Murua surname, representing Julian's fathers family and the other, belongs to the surname Entrena representing Julian's mothers family.

