Contador, Rioja

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REGION
Rest of world

WHERE
San Vicente de la Sonsierra, Rioja, Spain

CLASSIFICATION
Rioja DOCa

GRAPES
Tempranillo

VINTAGE AND SIZE
2004 · Double Magnum, 1 x 3L OWC

About Benjamin Romeo

Benjamín Romeo is a winemaker from San Vicente de la Sonsierra in Rioja, who spent many years as technical director at Artadi before founding his own winery, Bodega Contador. He works with small plots of old vines around his home village, many of them bush vines on clay and limestone soils.

His wines are made in tiny quantities from low yields and aged in new French oak, and they were among the first of a new generation of concentrated, estate-based Riojas to draw international attention. Contador, his top wine, is one of the most sought-after modern Riojas.

About Contador, Rioja

Contador is Benjamín Romeo's flagship wine, made mainly from old Tempranillo vines, with a small proportion of other varieties, from plots around San Vicente de la Sonsierra. Concentrated, dark and opulent, with black fruit, spice and liquorice and a polished texture, it is aged in new French oak. It is a modern, single-estate Rioja that benefits from several years in bottle, and good vintages develop over fifteen to twenty years.

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