

# Wine & Spirits

## Top 100 Wines of 2022

### 96 | Muga

**2016 Rioja Reserva Selección Especial** This grows at high altitudes, in high-density plantings on ancient terraces above the Ebro river, some of the vines dating to 1946. Those alluvial soils and old vines performed remarkably well in 2016, delivering a fresh blend (tempranillo, garnacha, graciano and mazuelo) with cool, silken tannins and the sort of peppery spice you might find in fresh-pressed olive oil. It's bright and juicy, layering thyme and rosemary fragrance into the fruit complexity. A glorious young Rioja to age, or to drink now with roast suckling pig. —Reviewed by Joshua Greene.

