



THE MARQUÉS DE RISCAL RESTAURANT RECEIVES ITS FIRST MICHELIN STAR

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The Restaurant of the Hotel Marqués de Riscal and its consultant chef, Francis Paniego, received a Michelin Star at last night's annual gala which was held in Barcelona and during which the details of the restaurants honoured with such recognition were made public.

The Marqués de Riscal Restaurant, housed in the Hotel of the same name which is set at the heart of the City of Wine of the Marqués de Riscal Cellars in Elciego (Álava), was inaugurated in October 2006 with much pomp and ceremony at the same time as the hotel itself, offering its distinguished guests – including the building's architect, Frank O. Gehry – a magnificent array of delicious dishes, some of them even presented through sessions of showcooking.

Francis Paniego, the Riojan Chef who has already been awarded a star for his family restaurant, “El Portal de Echaurren” (Ezcaray), has been the Gastronomic Consultant of the Marqués de Riscal Restaurant from the outset, waving the baton for a young, dynamic team of 15 chefs devoted to interpreting his creations. These chefs and the further 15 people who serve in the Dining Room, together with the enthusiasm of all the staff and management of both the hotel and the wine cellar, have made this recognition possible.

The fusion of tradition and modernity, a careful selection of local-produced and seasonal ingredients, and a very complete wine list with over 250 wines from the 5 continents have served to shape the personality of this exclusive restaurant. Exclusive in content and setting, and not for its prices, always focussed, now and in the future, on offering quality at a price which is affordable for all and adapted to all tastes. With two different set tasting menus and à la carte dishes, it has satisfied the wishes of all kinds of customers, from Hollywood celebrities like Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, the team of Gwyneth Paltrow and the media chef Mario Batalli, who present the popular TV show, *Spain on the Road*, to the most discerning national and international gourmets and food and wine writers.

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About Vinos de los Herederos de Marqués de Riscal

1858 saw the birth of a dream, Vinos de los Herederos del Marqués de Riscal began to take its first steps. Throughout its history, the company has always been a pioneering and innovative company that the wine growing sector has looked to for a lead: Marqués de Riscal became the first winery in Rioja to make wines using Bordeaux methods; in 1972 it was first to promote the Rueda appellation – where its famed whites are produced – and in 2006 opened the City of Wine, with a building designed by architect Frank Gehry. Marqués de Riscal markets its products in over 100 countries and its wines have earned the highest international distinctions, numerous awards, and coverage in the trade press. In 2008, Marqués de Riscal celebrated its 150th anniversary by remaining faithful to its spirit of innovation and seeking to continue to add another line in the History of Wine of the 21st Century. In 2009, Marqués de Riscal launched two new wines with a new and modern concept: Finca Torrea (D.O. Ca Rioja) and Finca Montico (D.O. Rueda).

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