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## **Ribera del Duero Named Wine Region of the Year in *Wine Enthusiast* Annual Wine Star Awards**

New York, NY (November 13, 2012) — *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* has announced today that Ribera del Duero has won the coveted Wine Region of the Year 2012 Award in the magazine's annual Wine Star Awards. Famous for its high altitude vineyards and extreme climate, the northern Spanish wine region produces powerful and elegant wines made primarily from Spain's most famous red variety, Tempranillo, also known in the area as Tinto Fino or Tinta del País.

"In light of the prestigious group of Wine Star Award nominees this year, we are so proud to receive this award and the amazing quality recognition it symbolizes for our wine producing region around the world," states Jose Trillo, President of the Consejo Regulador of Ribera del Duero. "I am particularly pleased to accept the Wine Region of the Year award on behalf of the dedicated wineries and growers who work so hard to craft the outstanding wines of Ribera del Duero."

Trillo adds: "There has never been a better time to discover Ribera del Duero. Exports from our region are higher than ever – and the U.S. is now our biggest export market as consumers have embraced the unique character of our wines."

Ribera del Duero and the winners of the 2012 Wine Star Awards will be honored by leading members of the wine and spirits industry at a gala, black-tie awards ceremony at the New York Public Library in New York City on January 28, 2013. The other distinguished nominees for 2012 Wine Region of the Year were Cape Winelands, Loire Valley, Napa Valley and Walla Walla Valley.

Ribera del Duero provides a benchmark for quality in the Spanish wine category. With an extreme climate perfectly suited for quality grape-growing and ripening, Ribera del Duero wines represent the pinnacle of Spanish winemaking and the ultimate expression of Spain's most noble red grape: Tempranillo. The region became a Denominación de Origen (D.O.) in 1982, and today there are more than 260 wineries, producing top world-class wines.

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