

## CHALLENGE INTERNATIONAL DU VIN PLACES SONSIERRA AMONG THE BEST WINES IN THE WORLD

**Bodegas Sonsierra got 2 of the 5 gold medals awarded to wines from the D.O.Ca. Rioja in the crianza and reserva categories**

**Sonsierra crianza 2008 and Sonsierra reserva 2006** have been awarded the highest rating at the latest edition of the prestigious competition Challenge International du Vin 2011, held in Bourg (Bordeaux) on 8th and 9th April.

Of the 5 medals awarded to wines from the Rioja Qualified Designation of Origin in the crianza and reserva categories, two went to Bodegas Sonsierra, thus placing the wines from the winery among the most outstanding ones in the Designation of Origin.

Over 4,600 wines from all over the world were tasted by 800 professionals and amateurs for two days, and 28% of the wines presented in all categories were awarded gold, silver and bronze. These two gold medals Bodegas Sonsierra achieved, place their wines among the world's best in the red wine category.

Challenge International du Vin, the first wine competition in France, with nearly 30 years of history, is one of the most prestigious wine competitions in the world. Its success lies in its international dimension, its rigor and the quality of its judges.

For Bodegas Sonsierra, these awards are the recognition of a quality wine making philosophy, in which respect for the land is paramount. With a clear commitment to achieving the best out of the tempranillo flagship variety, located on calcareous clay soils, the result is complex, elegant wines with great personality.

**Sonsierra crianza 2008** is an intense ruby-red high robe wine. On the nose, it has outstanding aromas of vanilla and cinnamon, mixed with ripe fruit. The palate is soft and round, with well integrated sweet tannins.

**Sonsierra reserva 2006** is a maroon wine, with ruby and brick hues. On the nose, it shows distinctive balsamic notes and spicy hints. In the mouth it is elegant, persistent, reminding of minerals.

