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## RAMÓN BILBAO 2004 Mirto de Ramón Bilbao

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POINTS

The late-released 2004 Mirto (the 2006 vintage was reviewed favorably one year ago) is 100% Tempranillo sourced from 70+-year-old vines that went through malolactic fermentation in barrel followed by 28 months on its lees in new French oak before bottling without filtration. It offers up a classy bouquet of sandalwood, exotic spices, incense, a hint of balsamic, lavender, and blackberry. Still youthful and structured on the palate with firm natural acidity (2004 was a great vintage), this plush, succulent beautifully proportioned, pleasure-bent Rioja will evolve for another 5-6 years and drink nicely through 2024+.

– *Jay Miller*

