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ABADIA RETUERTA
L^oDomaine

**New Year, New Awards from Ultra Travel and TripAdvisor for
Abadía Retuerta LeDomaine - Reopening March 2016**



Sardón de Duero, Spain – 21st January, 2016: Abadía Retuerta LeDomaine, the exclusive hotel located in a restored 12th- century abbey surrounded by vineyards in Spain’s Duero winegrowing region, has been voted #1 in Spain, #8 in Europe and #21 in the world by the users of TripAdvisor. The luxury estate has also been named as one of the top 50 greatest hotels in the world by the upscale travel supplement of the British broadsheet, The Daily Telegraph – Ultra Travel. At the end of last year, it was announced that the wines from the Abadía Retuerta estate have also been included in The Wine Spectator’s influential 100 top wines list for 2015 as well.

“It’s been an outstanding start to 2016 with these two recent announcements from TripAdvisor and from UltraTravel. It’s been an amazing journey for us here on the Estate from opening our doors in March 2012 as an unknown property to gaining a Michelin star, joining Relais & Châteaux, having our Abadía Retuerta wines recognized in the influential Wine Spectator’s 100 top wines list to opening a beautiful new spa. So being listed alongside our peers on TripAdvisor and UltraTravel and being acknowledged on these globally recognized platforms is truly overwhelming for our hardworking team and myself. It’s an affirmation that if you strongly believe in an idea and work hard to make it a reality, you can achieve the impossible” said Andres Araya, Managing Director.

When the historic hotel estate re-opens on March 1, 2016, following its annual two-and-a-half month closure during winter, LeDomaine will offer a starting room rate in 2016 of \$466 and packages that feature the bespoke services of the new spa. For further information and reservations: reservations@ledomaine.es; tel. +34 98 368 0368; www.ledomaine.es.

Notes for editors: Dating from 1146 and set within a 1,730-acre medieval estate, LeDomaine is an historic abbey that was brought into the 21st century with a sensitively and imaginatively implemented restoration – earning the property a Europa Nostra Award from the European Union for conserving cultural heritage. When the property opened March 22, 2012, it arrived on the Spanish tourism scene offering several firsts including becoming the country’s first hotel to offer a complete butler service and the first Spanish establishment to be included in the prestigious Relais & Châteaux guide

Imbued with the charm and lore of a by-gone age, Abadía Retuerta LeDomaine takes guests back in time while immersing them in the comforts and luxuries of today’s most savvy hospitality. The medieval abbey and estate of LeDomaine is a grand travel experience that overwhelms the senses with its enduring history, stately architecture, majestic ambiance, world-class culinary experiences by one of Spain’s most celebrated chefs, acclaimed vineyards and 30 regal accommodations.

Almost a thousand years ago, the monks that inhabited Abadía Retuerta LeDomaine would gather around the refectory table to share the meager repasts that symbolized monastic life, while they listened to chants of the monk whose task was to turn the act of eating into an exercise in spirituality.



Today the setting remains unchanged, but it now houses the Refectorio, where history and gastronomy – the restaurant boasts One Michelin Star – blend together to uplift and enrich the spirit. Under a 17th-century frieze depicting the Last Supper, guests enjoy a menu that fuses creative, contemporary twists on tradition with the wealth of high-quality, locally grown ingredients. Dishes are impeccably matched with wines of the Abadía Retuerta

estate, home to some of the region’s finest. Besides Refectorio, guests enjoy the tapas and small plates served at the hotel’s Vinoteca wine cellar and the light, fresh cuisine served at Jardin del Claustro, the hotel's summer restaurant.

Abadía Retuerta LeDomaine has been a winery for nearly a millennium, but when it became a world-class estate hotel in 2012 it evolved into a gastronomy and wine tourism destination. Located in the heart of the Duero, one of Spain’s leading wine areas, the medieval abbey estate is recognized for its award-winning single *terroir* wines. More than 500 acres of the estate are allocated to the vine, covering hillsides ranging as high as 2,800 feet before sloping down to the southern bank of the Duero River. There are 54 vine plots, or *terroirs*, that have very distinct characteristics, each analyzed, controlled, worked, vinified and tasted separately. It is also one of the most advanced wineries in Europe combining ancient wine-making traditions with cutting edge technology.