

Hacienda El Ternero `La Pera` Blanco Rioja Alta 2022



Region

The region of La Rioja lends its name to Spain's most widely recognised wines. Rioja is split by three major districts; Alta and Alavesa to the north, which are higher in altitude and the hot dry Oriental district to the south (previously known as Rioja Baja). Tempranillo, Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuelo are the main red grape varieties used however more international varieties can also be used. The traditional aging classification system gives Rioja wines their distinctive style through the influence of extended ageing in oak barrels.

Producer

the Santa Maria de Herrera Monastery. The chapel remains in the estate to shelter the patron saint, la Virgen de la Pera. The village is part of the administrative area of Castilla y Leon as the church sold the land to the state at the beginning of the 19th century. Despite this, the wine is classified as Rioja under the DOC regulations as geographically it falls well within the Rioja boundaries. The Bodega takes its name from the village of El Ternero where it is located. The village used to have just 156 people living there. In the 1960's the entire village was sold to three Basque families who planted vineyards to sell grapes to large producers. In 2009, the current owner bought the village which now holds 60 hectares of vineyards in one of the highest areas of Rioja Alta at an altitude of 650m.

Tasting Notes

Made from a blend of white tempranillo (a naturally occurring mutation of the red tempranillo grape), viura, Garnacha Blanca and sauvignon blanc. Bright straw yellow in colour with pale with green glints. The nose is pronounced with aromas of tropical fruit, ripe peach and blood orange. These ripe flavours continue on the palate with a fresh, balanced acidity and a long, fruity finish.

Food

Perfect with fish such as trout or plaice.

Technical Information

Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Grape(s)	Tempranillo Blanco (28%) Viura (26%) Grenache Blanc (26%) Sauvignon Blanc (21%)
Type	White
Style	Rich
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Alcohol Content	13.5%
Closure Style	Cork
Organic/Biodynamic	No
Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes



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