

# Rioja Blanco Tempranillo Blanco Viura Verdejo Azabache 2023



## 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

Fincas de Azabache is a state of the art cooperative, founded in December 1956. The Bodegas now owns 2600 hectares of vineyards at the foot of Mount Yerga, which is at the heart of the driest sub region of Rioja; "Oriental", previously Rioja Baja. With limited risk of rot, this is an area conducive to the principles of organic viticulture, to which the Bodegas is firmly and successfully committed. The cooperative have recently invested heavily in a new winery, the fruits of which we are now seeing.

## Tasting Notes

This young white Rioja is a bright greenish straw yellow colour. The nose has a strong fruit bouquet with intense citrus and apple aromas. Smooth on the palate and dry in style, with fresh and fruity flavours of lemon, green apple and white peach. The lingering freshness is in harmony between acidity and fruit and leaves a lasting impression in the mouth. Best enjoyed young to retain the fruity nature of the wine.

## Food

Lovely chilled by the glass, with pan fried pork or moules marinere.

### Technical Information

Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Grape(s)	Tempranillo Blanco (45%) Verdejo (45%) Viura (10%)
Type	White
Style	Crisp
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	No

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry
Alcohol Content	12%
Closure Style	Screw cap
Organic/Biodynamic	No
Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes



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