

Ad Libitum

Tempranillo Blanco 2016



Wine: Tempranillo Blanco (White Tempranillo)

Designation of Origin: Baños de Río Tobía, Rioja Alta, D.O.Ca. Rioja, Spain

Vineyard: Organic viticulture.

Grape Variety: 100% White Tempranillo, a native minority variety of La Rioja, authorized by the D.O.Ca. Rioja in 2008.

Vine: 17-year-old vines.

Soil: This vineyard is located in the Najerilla Valley at an altitude of 565 meters above sea level, on south-facing terraces in stony, calcareous-clay soils.

Winemaking: After destemming, the grapes go into a small vertical press. Then the heavy lees are removed. Alcoholic fermentation is carried out at 15° C in stainless steel tanks.

Ageing: A young wine, not aged in oak.

Harvest: Hand-harvested in 15kg. cases in the first week of October. Vineyard yield of 6.000 kg. per hectare.

2016 Vintage: Was rated as a "Very Good" year by the Rioja Control Board of the Rioja Designation of Origin (D.O.Ca. Rioja). However, in Alto Najerilla zone can be described as excellent, since it has been one of the best harvests of the last 20's. It was a year of limited rainfall and significantly higher temperatures, with a higher production than in previous years. Despite being a warmer year than usual, the harvest has been more delayed in maturation than in earlier vintages.

Climate: The climate has an Atlantic influence, with cold winters, warm summers and long warm autumns. The strong temperature variation between day and night causes a slow ripening, which is very suitable for producing polyphenols, developing aromas, and giving our wines their characteristic quality. These characteristics highlight the elegance of aromas of this wine.

Production: 9.856 bottles

Analysis:

Alcohol: 12.38 % vol.

pH: 3.15

Total acidity: 5.9 g/l TH₂

Volatile acidity: 0.30 g/l Ach

Total sulfur: 51 mg/l

Residual sugar: 1.1 g/l

Tasting Notes: This wine has strong aromatic notes of green apple, citrus fruits and pineapple in the nose. On the palate, it is full-bodied and glyceric, acidic, and fresh, with good structure and great longevity.