# Hacienda El Ternero `La Pera` Blanco Rioja Alta 2023




## Region

With nearly 65,000 hectares of vineyard, 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

Hacienda el Ternero dates back to 1077 AD, when it belonged to the Santa Maria de Herrerea Monastery. The chapel still remains in the estate to shelter the patron saint, la Virgen de la Pera. 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 and launched the new brand of Hacienda el Ternero. Their 60 hectares of vineyards are in one of the highest areas of Rioja and sit at an altitude of 650m.

## Tasting Notes

Made from a blend of white tempranillo (a naturally occuring mutation of the red tempranillo grape), virua, 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

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

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

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