

Seleccion Vinedos Hontza Natural Wine, Rioja Alavesa 2020



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

Viñedos Hontza is a family project born in 2015 out of a deep desire to close the circle between the vineyard and the glass, with wines that fully express the richness of the terroir from which they come. Certified organic they follow Biodynamic principles to take meticulous care of the earth, following similar principles in the winery with minimal interference. They see themselves as stewards of a natural process, guides who help the wine to express itself, with a respect for the natural process and drive to constantly innovate to refine techniques for unique expression.

Tasting Notes

This natural Rioja Seleccion is from Rioja Alavesa, in the Basque country. Hand selected from vineyards at 600m on clay and limestone. Made with a minimal intervention approach, and fermented spontaneously with whole clusters, which gives a fantastic floral character. The wine is aged in 300L French barrels and 500L French larger casks for 11 months. Classic with ripe black fruits, earth and spice, full bodied, but smooth and elegant, with a long finish.

Food

Fantastic with slow roast lamb, braised meats, Jamon Iberico and matured cheeses.

Technical Information

Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Grape(s)	Tempranillo (75%) Garnacha (25%)
Type	Red
Style	Complex
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Dry	
Alcohol Content	14.5%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	Biodynamic practices	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian:	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes



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