Rioja Crianza `Organic` Azabache 2021



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

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

An organic wine which has a deep red robe with ruby borders. Good aromatic intensity with predominant red berries, nuances of maturity, toasty, spicy and balsamic from the wood. This Rioja is tasty and complex in the mouth with a good structure and well-integrated fruit flavours of redcurrants, cherries and plums. Long lasting on the finish with a pleasant dominance of mature fruit.

Food

Pot roast beef or lamb, meatloaf and a rich tomato sauce.

Technical Information

Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Grape(s)	Tempranillo (60%) Garnacha (30%) Graciano (10%)
Type	Red
Style	Spicy
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices

Dry/Sweet Style	Not applicable	
Alcohol Content	13.5%	
Closure Style	Screw cap	
Organic/Biodynamic	Organic certified	
Allergens	**Milk:**	No
	Egg:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	**Vegetarian:**	Yes
	Vegan:	Yes

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