

# Tempranillo Blanco Fincas de 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

Tempranillo blanco is a Spanish white grape variety that is grown in the Rioja DOC. It is a relatively 'new' grape variety (these vines are 12 years old) as it is a natural mutation of the red Tempranillo variety that is grown throughout Spain. The wine has fruity aromas and flavours of soft white fruit with green apple, citrus and floral characters. It is balanced with a refreshing acidity and a light, fruity finish with delicate floral notes lingering on the palate for a long and delightful finish.

## Food

Perfect with white asparagus, fried artichoke hearts, grilled fish and salads.

### Technical Information

Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Grape(s)	Tempranillo Blanco (100%)
Type	White
Style	Robust
Oaked Style	Unoaked
Body Style	Medium bodied
Sustainable	Yes-sustainable practices

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



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