

Izadi,
Rioja `Selección` Blanco 2021
Rioja Alavesa, Rioja, Spain



PRODUCER

Izadi is based in Villabuena in Rioja Alavesa, the highest part of Rioja. The hillside winery (whose precipitous slope allows for gravity assisted production) was founded in 1987 by Gonzalo Antón as a modern breakaway from the traditional style of wine produced by other members of his family. As his son Lalo, who now runs the estate, says: "the whole concept of Izadi really started around wanting to produce wine to satisfy the needs of our friends over a meal". Izadi produces modern, international wines that are true to their roots and a natural expression of the area.

VINEYARDS

The grapes for the Izadi wines are grown on 178 hectares of vineyard, all of which are either owned or leased on long term contracts, so Izadi have full control over production. Fruit for the Rioja Blanco comes from the Villabuena, Ábalos and Samaniego vineyards, planted in 1960 with a selection of native varieties. The White Maturana, White Tempranillo and some of the White Garnacha grapes are grown at a vineyard of high altitude, between 650 and 750 metres above sea level. The Turruntés and other White Garnacha grapes come from vineyards in Baños de Ebro, grown on clay and limestone soils.

VINTAGE

2021 was described as an "almost perfect" viticultural year, with a warm, dry summer, without any extreme heat. Rains in September helped bring the grapes to perfect ripeness.

VINIFICATION

The hand-harvested grapes were destemmed and cold pressed before being fermented. Each varietal was vinified separately until bottling. The Viura and Malvasia grapes were fermented and aged in new French oak casks for 6 months, the rest of the grapes were fermented separately in stainless steel tanks.

TASTING NOTES

Lemon yellow in colour with bright, green tones. Succulent white and tropical fruit, citrus, floral notes, are complemented by deep, toasty and spicy aromas. On the palate, this wine is refreshing and well structured, with citrus and white fruit notes dominating, followed by a lightly toasted finish.

Grape Varieties	60% Viura
	10% Grenache Blanc
	10% Maturana Blanc
	10% Tempranillo Blanco
	5% Turruntés
	5% Malvasia

Winemaker	Roberto Vicente
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	1.3g/L
Acidity	6.4g/L
Wine pH	3.1
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Practising Organic, Vegan