



PRODUCER

Orben is an exciting estate in Rioja Alavesa from the same team behind Izadi, established with the aim of producing a single estate Rioja that rivals the best of the region. The Antón family owns 75% of the property, with the remaining 25% being split between 50 of Spain's top restaurants - all friends of the family who share a common passion for fine food and wine.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards benefit from the mitigating influence of the Atlantic Ocean giving the resulting wines fresh acidity, which is important in a very warm climate. The grapes for this wine come from a selection of 79 plots of an average size of 0.30 hectares, located in Laguardia. The vines are planted on poor and shallow soils consisting of clay and limestone and are trained using the Goblet system. This area has the highest percentage of old vines in Rioja, with these vineyards planted between 1945 and 1954, with an average yield of four tonnes per hectare.

VINTAGE

The 2021 season proved remarkable, beginning with abundant winter snowfall that extended into early spring and replenished water reserves. A dry, mild summer with cooler-than-usual temperatures slowed ripening and encouraged excellent phenolic balance.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were manually harvested in 15 kg boxes before destemming and transfer to stainless-steel tanks for alcoholic fermentation, which included double pigeage to ensure gentle yet thorough extraction. Malolactic fermentation followed in a combination of stainless-steel tanks and new French oak barrels. The wine was then aged for 12 months in 100% French oak, half new and half second-use, allowing it to develop depth, structure and refined aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

The wine shows an intense garnet colour and a refined nose layered with toasty oak, pencil lead, leather, black cherry and blackberry. The palate is fleshy and fruit-driven, supported by firm structure and impressive breadth. Impeccably balanced, it finishes with notable persistence and depth.

Grape Varieties	100% Tempranillo
Winemaker	Roberto Vicente
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Acidity	5.1g/L
Wine pH	3.58
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan