

Bodega Lanzaga,
`El Velado` Rioja 2022
Rioja Alavesa, Rioja, Spain

BODEGA LANZAGA



Grape Varieties

**Garnacha
Graciano
Tempranillo**

Winemaker	Pablo Eguzkiza
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.67g/L
Acidity	4.3g/L
Wine pH	3.61
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Telmo Rodriguez left his family estate in Rioja in the early 1990s to make his name in the rest of Spain. When he returned to Rioja to start Bodega Lanzaga with his friend Pablo Eguzkia in 1998, he brought with him a broad experience of the outside world, not only in Spain but also in Burgundy, Bordeaux (where he studied) and the Rhône. This experience urged him to approach Rioja in a different way to that laid out by the Consejo Regulador, something which chimed with Telmo's innately rebellious character. His knowledge of the history of Alavesa also informed his decision-making, for he knew that old vines had been planted on the hills surrounding the village of Lanciego for centuries. As their thinking crystallised, the concept of a Burgundian approach to Rioja became clear, something that makes this Bodega one of the most exciting in the region.

VINEYARDS

El Velado is one of the four exceptional vineyards selected by Telmo and Pablo for their consistent outstanding results. It is also the first vineyard they set their eyes on in Lanciego, impressed by its excellent sun exposure. This old plot is under a hectare and sits on the eastern side of the village of Lanciego, at altitudes of 600 metres above sea level. The site has west and south exposure which favours Garnacha and Tempranillo grapes, ensuring that the 80-year-old bush vines achieve consistent ripeness. Some other ancient varieties, including white ones, grow along these old vines on chalky-clay soils resulting in a unique field blend. Same as for the other Bodega Lanzaga wines, the grapes for this single-vineyard Rioja are farmed using organic and biodynamic practices.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage will be remembered for the heatwaves experienced throughout the spring and summer months, making it the earliest harvest in the winery's history. Plentiful rains throughout November and December enabled excellent water reserves for the vines to survive throughout the year and, despite the reduced yields, the resulting harvest was of excellent quality.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand-picked and transported in small boxes to the winery. The different grape varieties were co-fermented with indigenous yeasts in 3000 litre open-top oak vats. The wine was then matured for 15 months in large 500 litre used oak casks without fining or filtration before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 El Velado is best described by its purity of fruit and finesse. Its nose reveals ripe raspberries, plums and subtle hints of leather, pepper and herbs. The palate is ethereal and focused, with vibrant acidity balancing ripe fruit and earthy undertones. Tannins are long, dusty, and chiseled, adding depth and finesse. The slate-driven finish is persistent and smooth.