



Grape Varieties **85% Viura**
8% Verdejo
7% Sauvignon Blanc

Winemaker **César Fernandez**

Closure **Screwcap**

ABV **12%**

Bottle Sizes **37.5cl, 75cl**

PRODUCER

El Coto was founded in 1970 in Rioja Alavesa and has grown from modest beginnings into one of the best known Rioja producers. Today El Coto has over 730 hectares of vineyard in production across the three Rioja DOCa sub-zones of Rioja Alta, Rioja Alavesa and Rioja Oriental. They also source grapes from all three areas, but mostly from Rioja Alavesa. Head winemaker César Fernandez oversees production, starting with hand picking into 35 kilogram crates to ensure the grapes arrive at the winery in pristine condition. Modern and intelligently designed, the emphasis in the winery is on temperature control and gentle handling of the grapes.

VINEYARDS

The Verdejo and Sauvignon Blanc grapes were sourced from El Coto's high-altitude Finca Carbonera vineyard. At over 840 metres above sea level, the grapes grown here benefit from warm days tempered by cool nights, allowing for an ideally paced slow ripening and resulting in grapes with the perfect balance between concentrated flavours and vibrant acidity. The Viura grapes were mainly sourced from prime vineyard sites in Rioja Alta with limestone and clay soils.

VINTAGE

The 2025 vintage in Rioja will be remembered as a challenging one, starting in spring with hailstorms resulting in significant damage across the region. A late summer heatwave accelerated ripening and reduced yields in some areas, but the cooler nights allowed the grapes to ripen evenly and maintain their natural acidity. Despite the challenges of this year, the resulting harvest was of great quality.

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were chilled and then gently pressed in a pneumatic press. Fermentation took place in temperature-controlled stainless-steel tanks at low temperatures of 14 to 18°C, to preserve the bright varietal aromas and retain freshness. The wine did not go through malolactic fermentation or oak ageing, in order to preserve its bright fruit flavours and vibrancy.

TASTING NOTES

Pale lemon in colour. On the nose, the wine is bursting with bright aromas of peaches, apples, citrus and tropical fruits. On the palate, it has lively acidity leading to a dry, crisp finish.