## EL JARDÍN DE LA EMPERATRIZ BLANCO 2024

## **CLIMATE CONDITIONS**

A much cooler and rainier vintage than the previous two. In fact, temperatures in May and June were well below region's average, with abundant rainfall that helped to overcome the extended drought from the previous two years. Continuing low temperatures and constant rain during flowering resulted in a poor berry set in all plots, which led to very low production per vine. When July arrived, the thermometer suddenly rose, resulting in a very hot and dry summer until well into August. With the end of the summer, temperatures dropped again, and September of this vintage was the coolest in recent years, and the heavy rain returned. As a result, ripening was slower and the harvest was late, as used to be the case, into the first days of October. A vintage like those of yesteryear, where the wines show their most Atlantic side, aromatic and direct.

Vintage 2024

 $\mbox{ Harvest }$  Hand-picked, between the 29  $^{\rm th}$  September to  $1^{\rm st}$  October .

Varietals 100% Viura.

Wine-making After a gentle pressing in an inert atmosphere, the free-run juice remains on its lees for 36 hours to enhance its aromatic complexity. It is then racked and fermentation takes place in a cement tank at a controlled temperature of between 15°C and 16°C. After fermentation, the wine remains on its fine lees for a further two months, with weekly battonage, before being blended prior to bottling.

## Analysis

Alcohol	PH	Total acidity	Volatile acidity
13,4% vol.	3,37	6 g/l	0,22 g/l

Production 45,800 bottles of 75 cl.



## **ORIGIN**

Region D.O.Ca Rioja, Rioja Alta.

**Terroir** Impressive terroir with a layer of large white pebbles to a depth of about 40 cm, covering a loose, sandy sub-soil. An ideal soil to grow vines, as it has excellent drainage, plenty of light and the roots are well placed to receive all the nutrients they require. The wines produced from this type of soil are fine and elegant.

**Vineyard** Mostly bush vines -80%- with an average age of 65 years, along with 20% of trellis vines.

Yields of 6,800 kg/ha (47,60 hl/ha).



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