

# Bodegas Irache

D.O. Navarra

## Blanco 2023

*Bodegas Irache, located in Ayegui, at the foot of Montejurra and two kilometres from the town of Estella, was founded in 1891. Its vineyards had already supplied wine to the Royal House of Navarre in the 12th century, thanks to the work done for centuries by Benedictine monks at the Monastery of Irache. The monastery was founded in the 11th century as the first pilgrims' hospital on the Way of Saint James. Tierra Estella (Navarra-Spain), has a particular and interesting climate, with limestone and mineral soils that provide a marked personality. The climate of the area: cold, humid and with a great thermal contrast between day and night, we obtain high quality grapes that are ideal for aging. Since 2018 a new proprietor and generation is responsible for continuing this important legacy. Bodegas Irache currently owns 101 hectares in the area, and even has its own Vino de Pago, known as Prado Irache.*

### The harvest

A very hot and dry summer caused a general advance in the harvest date. In the month of September there was abundant rain, which alleviated the water needs of the vineyards and allowed the grapes to reach their optimal point of maturity. The weather this year has been marked by a lack of precipitation throughout the winter and early spring, followed by abundant rains towards the month of May and June, a dry and warm summer and abundant rains again in the month of September. In general, average yields, with a slightly thicker grape berry, due to the rains that occurred during cell multiplication in the month of June, and those in September during the ripening phase.

### Vinification

Once the grapes are pressed, the must is fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel deposits for 10 days at a maximum temperature of 15° C. It also ferments in concrete tanks on its fine lees.

### Tasting notes

**Colour:** Bright, yellow straw colour.

**Nose:** Aromas of tropical fruits like pineapple and mango; very fruity.

**Palate:** Well-balanced on the palate, rounded with good acidity, smooth and pleasant fruit.

**Food pairing:** Aperitifs, salads, white fish dishes, soft cheeses made with cow's milk such as Brie and Camembert.



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### Technical data

Varietals	100% Chardonnay
Vine Age	25 Years Old.
Vineyards	680m above sea level sandy clay 25 year old vineyards.
Fermentation Temperature	15°C
Fermentation & Maceration Period	12 Days.
Alcohol content (vol)	14 % vol
Acidity total (gr/l)	5,9 g/L
pH	3.53
SO2 free (mg/l)	83mg/L
Residual sugar (gr/l)	1,4 g/L
Suggested serving temperature	9-10°C
Winemaker	Javier Gil & Jean-Marc Sauboua.