

Lar de Paula

D.O. Ca. Rioja (Alavesa)

White Barrel Fermented Edición Limitada 2022

At the heart of Rioja Alavesa, in the village of Elvillar de Álava, Lar de Paula is transforming the best Tempranillo grapes into great modern Rioja wines. Protected from the north by the Sierra Cantabria and thriving on the fertile Ebro Valley to the south, the region's benign climate ensures the supply of quality fruit from some of the highest vineyards in Rioja. Austere and in tune with its surroundings, the cellar itself has been built with a single purpose in mind – highlighting the best characteristics of the Tempranillo grape through a process in which excellence is the primary concern.

The harvest

The 2022 vintage has been characterized by being climatically atypical, with a very humid end of winter and beginning of spring and then a persistent lack of rain and high temperatures, which, however, have not generated severe stress in the vineyards, as it was foreseeable. It has favored a complete maturation that in very humid years is not always complete. The result: a contained production, grain size somewhat smaller than normal with a good concentration of anthocyanins, medium tannins, and a higher concentration of aromas than expected. Despite being one of our earliest harvests in the last ten years, the good weather forecasts and the sanitary state of the vineyard, allowed us to carry out a harvest respecting the perfect state of maturation of each estate. The different maturation rates of the vineyard from one farm to another have been notorious, being one of the longest vintages in recent years. The 2022 wines show good levels of color, alcohol and acidity. Aromatically they are quite expressive and show a good skeleton in the mouth that suggests a great potential for aging and storage.

Vinification

75% Viura and 25% Malvasia. After crushing and de-stemming the grapes to free the must, they are placed in stainless steel deposits to undergo cold maceration for 24 hours. The grapes are then pressed to further separate the must from the skins, and transferred to new French and American oak barrels for slow fermentation over 25 days.

The ageing

This wine spends approximately 100 days in new French and American oak barrels on the lees and is periodically stirred to intensify its aromas that, together with the support of the wood, give the wine a balanced complexity and elegance.

Tasting notes

Colour: Very clean and bright. Pale yellow colour with greenish reflections.

Nose: Intense, complex aromas that harmonise the ripe fruit and the well integrated wood.

Palate: On the fore palate, it is smooth and fresh, with good acidity. It is ample and flavourful, leaving a pleasant aftertaste.

Food pairing: Matches perfectly with any type of seafood, fish and grilled vegetables as well as with strong cheese.

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Technical data

Varietals	75% Viura, 25% Malvasia.
Vine Age	40 Years Old.
Fermentation Temperature	18°C
Fermentation & Maceration Period	25 Days
Barrel Composition	American Oak.
Barrel Age	New
Time in Barrel	100 Days.
Time in Bottle	Minimum 6 Months.
Alcohol content (vol)	13,5% vol
Acidity total (gr/l)	5,44g/L
pH	3.65
SO2 free (mg/l)	27mg/L
Residual sugar (gr/l)	<2g/L
Suggested serving temperature	10-12°C
Winemaker	José Antonio Meruelo.