

Viña Ijalba 2023 Genoli - Viura (Rioja Joven)

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| WineWise Code | SIJ-GEN23 |
| Country | Spain |
| Region | Rioja |
| Color/Style | White |
| Destemming | Complete |
| Fermentation Vessel | Stainless Steel |
| Additional Fermentation Notes | 25 days |
| Aging Vessel | Stainless Steel 100% |
| Aging Duration (months) | 3 months |
| Filtered? | Yes |
| Fining Agents | Bentonite |
| Yeast Protocol | Native |
| Malolactic Conversion | No |
| Additional Maturation Details: | 3 months |
| Added Sulfur | Yes, 85mg/L |
| Varieties | 90% Viura, 5% Tempranillo Blanco, 5% Maturana Blanca |
| Residual Sugar | 0.36 |
| ABV | 13.03 |
| Acidity | 4 |
| pH | 3.48 |
| Closure | DIAM |
| Annual Production | 9000 |
| Certified Vegan | Yes |
| Other Wine Facts | Character of viura improving the nose with white tempranillo and increasing the volume with white maturana |
| Primary Vineyard Name | Sacristana |
| Soil Types | Alluvial |
| Elevation (meters) | 550 |
| Vine Age | 26 |
| Yields (hl/ha) | 49 |
| Farming Practices | Organic |
| Harvest Method | Machine |
| Other Vineyard Details | Northwest |

WineWise Notes:

We have become impassioned devotees of Macabeo – Viura’s other name in Spain. López de Heredia alerted us to the variety’s innate class and age-worthiness, and we now find more and more examples of it – including this fresh, leesy beauty, so full of fruit and lift, perhaps deriving partly from its deft seasoning of Maturana Blanca and Sauvignon Blanc.

WineWise Notes on Producer:

At first glance this rather modern producer might seem to have little in common with its illustrious neighbor (Lopez de Heredia), but in fact María José was pleased to hear we would be representing the property. Ijalba has set the standard for environmental awareness in the region, from its organic production to its extensive recycling and environmental certification for the winery. The vineyards were all planted in disused quarries, which perhaps explains the remarkable minerality they are endowed with, especially the bigger reds with bottle age. The estate’s other distinction is the championing of the less-known varieties of Rioja such as the two Maturanas and Graciano. They have now unveiled some attractive new packaging to go with their never-ending efforts at improvement, spearheaded by long-time talented cellar master, Pepe, who absolutely excelled with his red wines in 2016.

Notes from the Producer:

Straw-yellow colour, intense aromas of green apples, citrus and white flowers. In the mouth it displays a fresh acidity. Silky.

