

Bodegas Proelio 2019 Vinedos Viejos Garnacha

WineWise Code	SPR-VVG19
Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Color/Style	Red
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Vat upright
Additional Fermentation Notes	Pumpover Fermentation duration: 10 days
Aging Vessel	50% Cask, 50% Concrete
Aging Duration (months)	12 months
Filtered?	No
Fining Agents	None
Yeast Protocol	Spontaneous
Malolactic Conversion	Yes
Additional Maturation Details:	Aging in 40 HL French oak vats and 30 HL oval casks over 12 months
Added Sulfur	Yes, 30 mg/L
Varieties	Garnacha
Residual Sugar	0.4
ABV	14.5
Acidity	5.74
pH	3.42
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual Production	1000
Certified Vegan	No
Primary Vineyard Name	Alto Najerilla, Badarán and Cárdenas
Soil Types	Calcareous, Sedimentary
Elevation (meters)	600
Vine Age	80
Yields (hl/ha)	30
Farming Practices	Sustainable
Harvest Method	Hand-harvested

WineWise Notes:

This remarkable wine derives from 18 micro-plots of 80 year-old head-trained vines in and around the commune of Cárdenas. The iron-rich soils there imbue it with coiled power and striking flavour. Better on the second day than the first, suggesting long life ahead, the stamp of Rioja seems stronger than that of Garnacha. None of which is as important as the simple tastiness and class of the wine.

WineWise Notes on Producer:

Proelio is one of three wineries belonging to Javier Palacios, each dedicated to different genres : Nivarius exclusively (and most unusually) to white Rioja, Trus to Ribeira del Duero, and Proelio to red wines. The vineyards are relatively high in the Rioja Alta at 650 meters, and offer an impressive variety of soil types and inclinations. But they are generally north-facing and have an average age of 45 years. Also, unusually for the region, the wines are produced 85% from their own holdings. Farming practices are very traditional, with all the plowing done by horses. The estate is in the second year of conversion to organic certification. Fermentation via indigenous yeasts is achieved in large wooden vats, with further aging all done in increasingly large barrels and final assembly executed in concrete.

