

# Viña Ijalba 2023 Maturana Blanca

WineWise Code	SIJ-MAT23
Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Color/Style	White
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Concrete
Additional Fermentation Notes	Skin Cold Maceration for 4 hours Fermentation duration- 28 days
Aging Vessel	Concrete 90%, New Barrique 10%
Aging Duration (months)	3 months
Filtered?	Yes
Fining Agents	Bentonite
Yeast Protocol	Spontaneous
Malolactic Conversion	No
Additional Maturation Details:	Lees contact- 5 months
Added Sulfur	Yes, 76 mg/L
Varieties	100% Maturana Blanca
Residual Sugar	1.86
ABV	13.3
Acidity	5.1
pH	3.25
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual Production	1300
Certified Vegan	Yes
Primary Vineyard Name	Sacristana
Soil Types	Alluvial, Sedimentary
Elevation (meters)	550
Vine Age	24
Yields (hl/ha)	43
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Harvest Method	Hand-harvested
Additional Harvest Notes	Trellised 3500 vines per HA
Other Vineyard Details	North

## WineWise Notes:

This was once the only Maturana Blanca in the world, grown on two hectares owned by Ijalba. But, as with the once similarly-unique Graciano, it has spawned imitators. And with good reason! It is actually the variety with the oldest known written citation in Rioja, dating from 1622. Faintly golden, opulently peachy on the nose, and then surprisingly stony and long on the palate, this is quite a character, that effortlessly withstands its classic burgundian treatment. As singular and obscure a wine as can be imagined!

## 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 re-cycling 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:

First wine in the world that is 100% Maturana Blanca. First varietal documented in Rioja, 1662.

