

# Viña Ijalba 2021 Maturana Blanca

WineWise Code	SIJ-MAT21
Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Color/Style	White
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Varieties	100% Maturana Blanca
ABV	12.9
Residual Sugar	1.2
Acidity	5.4
Closure	Natural Cork
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	Discountable
Maceration	Skin Cold Maceration for 4 hours
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Concrete
Fermentation Duration	28 days
Aging Method	Concrete 90%, New Barrique 10%
Aging Duration (months)	5
Filtered	Yes
Fining Agents	Bentonite
Yeast	Spontaneous
Lees Contact/Stirring	Stirring once a week for 4 months
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes, 75 mg/L
Vineyard Name	Sacristana
Soil Type	Alluvial, Sedimentary
Elevation (meters)	550
Vineyard Aspect	North
Vine Age	24
Yields (hl/ha)	43
Vine Training	Trellised 3500 vines per HA
Picking	Hand-harvested
Annual Production	1000

## Notes from the producer:

Viña Ijalba is the history of a family, as well as a commitment to the evolution of Rioja, from the day that Dionisio Ruiz planted his first vine in 1975 on an old gravel pit, which reproduced the natural conditions in which vines grow in La Rioja. And so began the pioneering road, innovative and clear, that Viña Ijalba has been travelling since then. Viña Ijalba has its own stories involving the transformation of gravel pits and open cast mines into new vineyards, and the recovery of rare indigenous varieties of Rioja vines that had almost disappeared.

Dionisio Ruiz, Ijalba founder, is now 86 years old and he is a very important business man in Rioja with his open sky mine business. He always worked hard and focused on realizing his dreams, and hence was able to make his own winery in the 90's from his own vines planted in the 70's in his old quarries...



## 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!