



ORBEN
BODEGAS

Orben, Rioja 2015

PRODUCER

Orben is an exciting estate in Rioja Alavesa from the same team behind Izadi, established with the aim of producing a single estate Rioja that rivals the best of the region. The Antón family owns 75% of the property, with the remaining 25% being split between 50 of Spain's top restaurants - all friends of the family who share a common passion for fine food and wine.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards benefit from the mitigating influence of the Atlantic Ocean giving the resulting wines fresh acidity, which is important in a very warm climate. This area has the highest percentage of old vines in Rioja. The grapes for this wine come from a selection of 79 plots of an average size of 0.30 hectares, located in Laguardia. The vineyards were planted between 1945 and 1954 and have an average yield of four tonnes per hectare. The bush vine vineyards are planted on limestone and clay soil at an altitude of around 550 metres above sea level.

VINTAGE

A very good vintage. 2015 had a moderate Autumn combined with a warm spring and summer, with some rain helping the grapes to maintain excellent vegetative state. For the first few weeks of September the weather was stable and therefore the ripening of the grapes normalized until the harvest. The harvest started in the second week of October.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand picked into 15 kilogram boxes and manually selected on the sorting table. After fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, malolactic fermentation took place in oak and stainless steel. The wine was aged for 12 months in fine grain French oak (50% new, 50% one year old).

TASTING NOTES

This wine is intense garnet red in colour. Very interesting on the nose, with wild fruit, balsamic, milk, toasty oak and toffee aromas. It's fleshy and balanced. It has a complex and impeccable balance, with a persistent and aromatic aftertaste.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Rioja Alavesa, Rioja
Grape Varieties	100% Tempranillo
Winemaker	Ruth Rodríguez
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl