

Rioja Alavesa
BHILAR
VINTAGE 2022

Varieties: 80% Viura, 20% Garnacha Blanca

Color: White

Total Production: 18,000 Bottles.

ABV: 12,5%

RS: 1,5 g/L

Total SO2: 68 mg/L

Vineyards: A blend of our Estate vineyards from Elvillar

Soil: Limestone with Silt and sandy textures

Harvest (Dates): By Hand (Mid September, 2022)

Elevation: 500 – 590 m (1640 – 1935 ft)

Farming: Dry-farmed / Organic / Biodynamic / Horse-plowed

Certification: Organic (Eneek) / Biodynamic (Demeter)

Fermentation: Native spontaneous

Vatting: Destemmed 15 days fermentation with skins in concrete tank

Elveage: 11 months French oak (a mix of vat, foudre, and 225 L. barrels)



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91 Points

David Sampedro is one of the best white wine producers in Rioja, so it's worth buying anything he makes, even his entry point offering.

Pairing Viura and 10% Garnacha Blanca, this skin-fermented cuvée is a low intervention style with apple, baking yeast and pear flavours and a waxy, leesy mid-palate.

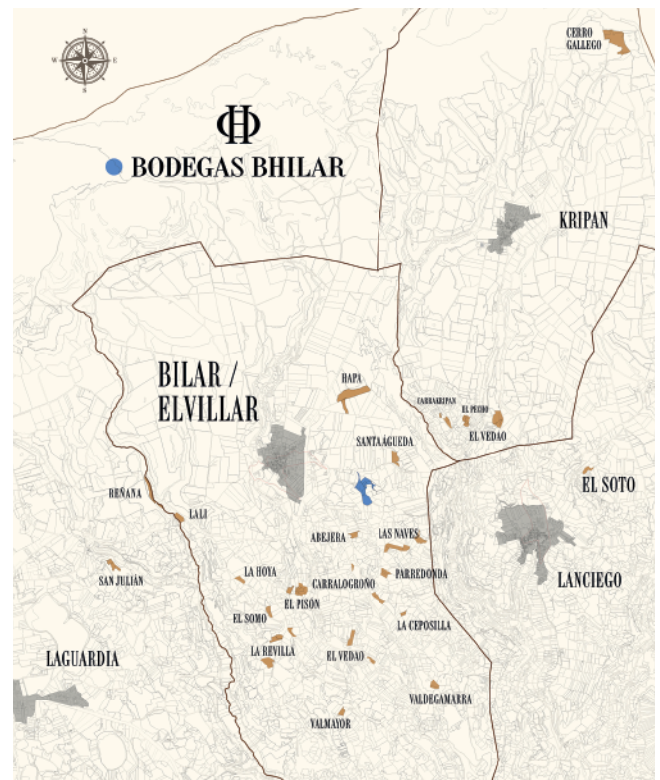


2022 GROWING SEASON

The 2022 growing season in Rioja Alavesa was marked by a warm summer and challenging conditions due to record-breaking heat.

From May until the end of the ripening period, the region experienced excessive temperatures. The lack of rain throughout the year further exacerbated these challenges.

The heat led to earlier picking, but the absence of significant disease pressure was a positive aspect of the season. The resulting wines from 2022 are lighter and less structured than those from 2019 and 2021, but they exhibit quality, aromatic complexity, and balance.



Starting with just three hectares in 1999, David Sampedro, a vigneron from Elvillar in Rioja Alavesa, converted his vineyards to organic farming, revealing a unique side of Rioja. Today, he and his wife Melanie manage 17 hectares of certified organic and biodynamic (Demeter) Estate vineyards, cultivated exclusively by plow-horse. In 2016, they built a sustainable, solar-powered, off-grid winery near their village. David's forward-thinking vision, focused on biodynamics and expressing the limestone soils and old, high-altitude vines of Elvillar, sets him apart in the region