

# Rioja Alavesa BHILAR

VINTAGE 2022

**Varieties:** 75% Tempranillo, 15% Viura, 10% Garnacha

**Color:** Red

**Total Production:** 26,000 Bottles.

**ABV:** 13,5%

**RS:** 1,7 g/L

**Total SO<sub>2</sub>:** 59 mg/L

**Vineyards:** A blend of our Estate vineyards from Elvillar

**Soil:** Limestone Silt

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

**Elevation:** 525 - 580 m (1722 - 1902 ft)

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

**Certification:** Organic (Eneek) / Biodynamic (Demeter)

**Fermentation:** Native spontaneous

**Vatting & Fermentation:** 20% full cluster in concrete tank

**Elevage:** 6 months in large oak vat & 12 months in a blend of 225 L & 500 L French oak.



91 Points

Produced with grapes from younger biodynamic vines. 20% full clusters that fermented with indigenous yeasts. It matured in 225- and 500-liter French oak barrels for one year. Exotic, with notes of cola nut and other spices and herbs.

The palate is juicy and round, with clean and focused flavors and fine

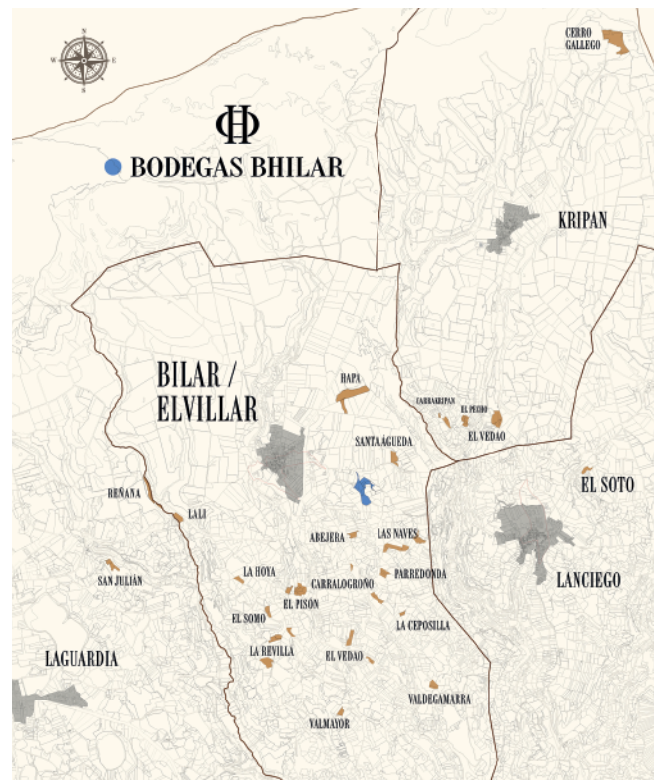


## 2022 GROWING SEASON

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