

## Villota

### *Rioja Viña Gena*



Location: Laserna, a small village located on the Ebro River in the municipality of Laguardia, in the province of Álava. Rioja Alavesa sub-zone.

Vineyard: Finca San Rafael, owned and cultivated by the Villota family since the 1930's. The vineyard is distributed on three terraces that slope gently towards the Ebro River. The Viña Gena Viñedo Singular is planted on the lower terrace, on the banks of the river.

Viticulture: Traditional dry-farmed manual viticulture, without the use of systemic herbicides, fungicides, pesticides, or fertilizers. Vines cultivated primarily "en vaso" or goblet style head trained vines.

Winemaking: Rigorous double sorting at the winery (before and after destemming). 36 hour cold soak followed by spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel with temperature control, remontage, and delestage. Post-fermentative maceration lasts five days, and the wine is gently pressed off in a vertical basket press. MLF in primarily new French barrique with constant battonage.

Aging: 18 months in primarily new French barrique with two passes through concrete tank throughout the ageing process.

Grape varieties : 100% Tempranillo

Altitude : 370m ASL

Vineyard age : Vines planted in 1930.

Soil : The San Rafael estate is planted on primarily limestone rich clays with a high percentage of oxidized iron underneath a solid layer of canto rodado, or galets, on the surface. The Viña Gena parcel is sandier in texture with a lower percentage of limestone, due to its proximity on the banks of the river. The family believes this soil make up results in a fresher, more elegant wine with finer tannins.

### Press Notes

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94 points



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