

Villota

Rioja Estate Grown & Bottled

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Grape varieties 84% Tempranillo, 11% Graciano, 5% Garnacha

Altitude 340m-430m ASL

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