

THE SOURCE ARIZCUREN RIOJA



2021 MONTE GATÚN

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Well-known and highly respected architect turned winegrower, Javier Arizcuren is one of Rioja Oriental's most exciting talents. Javier spends his "spare time" focused on rescuing high-altitude, ancient Grenache and Mazuelo (the local name for Cariñana), on vineyards that managed to survive both phylloxera and the trend of replacing historic vines with Tempranillo, a grape that ripens early, and that is only a small part of this region's history despite its dominance today. His experience with architecture leads him down rabbit holes of possibility and experimentation (a rarity in this often predictable and extremely conservative wine region) so that he may better understand the aesthetic of each site and build on its strengths using various fermentation and aging techniques.

VINEYARD DETAILS

70% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha, and 10% Mazuelo from 3 plots in Villa de Quel planted gentle north-facing slopes at 550-600m with a vine age between 8-30 years old on various limestone and sandstone bedrock with white calcareous and iron-rich red and sandy topsoil.

CELLAR NOTES

Destemmed with each variety naturally fermented and macerated separately for 2 weeks in steel with a daily pigeage at 25°C max. Aged 70% in concrete and 30% blend of an old 1500l old Slavonian oak cask and some new 500l French oak barrels for 12 months with the first sulfites added at the end of the malolactic fermentation. It is neither fined, nor filtered

