

THE SOURCE ARIZCUREN RIOJA



2020 SOLOGRACIANO, TINTO

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

100% Graciano from El Arenal vineyard on a mild slope facing east at 600m from vines planted in 2016 on sandy silicious soil.

CELLAR NOTES

Destemmed and naturally fermented and macerated for 2 weeks in steel with a daily pigeage at 25°C max. Aged in a new 500l French oak for 6 months and 6 extra months in an old french oak barrel with the first sulfites added at the end of the malolactic fermentation. It is neither fined, nor filtered

