

BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS ARTUKE



In 1991, after years of working their family-owned vineyards and caring for the vines, Miguel Blanco, with his wife Conchi, followed their passion and began to bottle their own wine. Over the years, their sons, Arturo and Kike, have become involved, taking on much of the Winery's responsibilities. "Artuke" is a blended version of the brothers' names.

Their Estate is comprised of 32 different vineyard plots, on 22 hectares of land, in Rioja Alavesa. The vineyards fall within a geographic triangle formed by the villages of Baños de Ebro, Abalos, and San Vicente, and have various differentiating characteristics based on the terroir and climatic conditions in the three different villages.

The first 2 of their 5 different bottlings are "Vinos de Pueblo" or Village Wines and their intention is to characterize a village typicity by blending grapes sourced from each individual area. Artuke Red represents the fruit of Baños de Ebro, and the Pies Negros is focused fruit from Abalos. They have 3 single vineyards as well, Finca de Los Locos, K4, and La Condénada....and are always seeking to acquire and restore old vineyards sites that have been abandoned and /or uncared for.

Following their belief in what their land can do, and knowing the quality of their fruit, the family has eschewed the Rioja classification system. This was a difficult decision, but they wanted to follow a more self-determining progression in elaborating the wine, rather than confine themselves to the timing and barrel aging regulations which would allow them DO Rioja status. In their minds this was a risk, but it was more important for them to express the fruit's purity.

ARTUKE RIOJA



Varietal/Blend: 95% Tempranillo 5%Viura

Farming Practices: lute raisonnée

Soil: predominantly chalky clay

Trellis System: Vaso

Altitude / Exposure: 420-480 meters above sea level

Harvest Technique: by hand into small containers

Vine Age: wide range between 11y.o and 114 y.o vines

Year Vines Were Planted: 1902-2005

Yeast: native

Fermentation: traditional, whole-berry fermentation, with the stalks

Aging: 3 months in cement tanks

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production #s: 4,166 cs.

STORY

The Grapes for 'Artuke' come from several plots in the same village of Baños de Ebro. In this way they can transmit a village character to the wine, characterized by the specific continental climate and its chalky clay soils.

Country: Spain

Region: Rioja

Sub Region: Baños de Ebro

Vineyard: multiple vineyards