

BODEGAS COVILA

BLANCO 2009



Wine Maker: Gloria Molinet
Designation: DOC Rioja
Location: Lapuebla de Labarca
Vineyards: Left bank of The Ebro River, Rioja Alavesa
Age of Vineyards: Average of 23 years; 20% are over 35 years, and some vines were planted in 1911
Exposure: South/South West
Elevation: 400 – 640m
Soil: Mainly Chalk, some Limestone
Varietal: 100% Viura
Training System: Gobelet
Vine Density: 2700 – 3000/ha
Harvest Method: Hand Picked
Maceration period: None
Fermentation: 25 days at 16° C
Malolactic Fermentation: None
Alcohol: 13.3%
Acid: 5.5 g/l
pH: 3.4
Residual Sugar: 1.8 g/l
Cases Produced: 4,000
Cellar Potential: 3 Years

Bodegas Covila was founded in 1989 by sixty vineyard owners from Lapuebla de Labarca in the heart of Rioja Alavesa. This small town is situated on the north bank of the Ebro River south of the Sierra Cantabria Mountains. Because the vineyard owners have been making their own wines for generations, very old, small vineyards with low vine density that would have been replanted in other areas of Rioja are still being cultivated. The average size of these vineyards is under 0.5 ha (the smallest in Rioja) and they are all situated within 3km of Lapuebla de Labarca. The vines are favored with 2,000 hours of sun, and less than 400mm of rain annually. This allows Bodegas Covila to make fresh, fruity and structured wines with deep color, balanced acidity and sweet tannins that age gracefully. Because of its roots in the region, Bodegas Covila is committed to crafting wines that increase the prestige of Rioja Alavesa and maintain the sustainability of the vineyards and the lives of the people who work them.

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