



## Blanco 2020

D.O.C.A. RIOJA ALTA

*Miguel Merino*

### THE VINEYARD

Miguel Merino BLANCO is made from Garnacha Blanca and Viura grapes. The Garnacha Blanca comes from La Loma vineyard (1¼ ha planted at 534 metres of altitude in 1946) where –apart from the red Tempranillo and Garnacha vines- we have a little treasure: a few vines of Garnacha Blanca that give us grapes of floral aromas, great complexity, body and deepness. The Viura vines are spread among all our old vineyards, and therefore they are planted in very different soils.

In 2020, the crop of Garnacha Blanca was affected by a hail storm. The blend of this vintage is 80% Viura and 20% Garnacha Blanca.

### WINE-MAKING

We harvest, ferment and age each grape variety by separate. It is only before bottling that we blend them together. The grapes were harvested by hand early in the morning and then taken to the winery in small crates, where they were selected and pressed. After a 24h settling the must was racked into 4 500-litre barrels of French oak, where they went through the alcoholic fermentation.

### AGEING

After the fermentation, the wine remained in the same 500-litre barrels on its fine lees for 10 months. We have selected the oak types and coopers that respect the identity of our wine.

### BOTTLING

In September, 2021 we filled the 2,215 bottles of our Miguel Merino Blanco 2020, only the fifth edition of our white wine ever.