



# Abel Mendoza, Blanco 5 Varietals, DOCa Rioja, Spain, 2022

## Producer Profile

Modest, passionate and in no small part obsessive, Abel Mendoza and Maite Fernández have been making understated wines from their old vine vineyards, high up in the Cantabrian mountains near San Vicente de la Sonsierra since the late 80s.

His intimate knowledge of the diverse terroirs in this spectacular part of Rioja is enthralling, and every barrel tasted reveals startling provenance and true character of the vintage. Abel doesn't make wines that flatter, they don't speak of oak regimes, but rather of the quality of his fruit, expressed in its most honest form.

## Viticulture

Harvest is carried out by hand, each plot and each variety individually at optimum ripeness. One of Abel's specialties is the vinification of these traditional white Rioja varietals separately in new oak barrels.

## Winemaking

Fermentation in new French barrels and 5 months battonage until bottling.

## Tasting Note

The nose is quite complex, with notes of smoke, yellow and white fruits, white flowers and balsamic aromas. The compact palate shows power as well as plenty of well-integrated oak.

## Food Matching

Complex salads, legumes, braised seafood, braised white fish, cod fish, soft cheese.

## Awards

**Tim Atkin Rioja 2024 Special Report 96 Points**



Product code: 2088

## Technical Details

### Varieties:

Malvasia 30%

Viura 25%

Others 45%



**ABV:** 14%

**Closure:** Natural cork

**Colour:** White

**Style:** Still wine

**Case Size:** 6 x 75cl

### Oak Ageing

**Time:** 5 Months

**Type:** French

**% wine oaked:** 100

**% new oak:** 100

Order online or email [orders@alliancewine.com](mailto:orders@alliancewine.com)

