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## Abel Mendoza, Jarrarte Blanco, Rioja, Spain, 2021



### 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

Coming from the old vineyards sited on uneven and varied terrain lying at the edge of the Ebro river, on soils composed of clay, marl and fine sandstones. They work organically and the harvest is carried out manually when the grapes have reached perfect ripeness.

### Winemaking

Fermented in stainless steel tanks and left on the fine lees for a period of time.

### Tasting Note

This medley of Viura and Malvasía combined with a hint of Torrontés, Tempranillo Blanco and Garnacha Blanca showcases the pure style that can be achieved in the D.O.Ca. Rioja. Fresh, round, charming, aromatic with white fruit notes on the nose. Fresh, crisp in the mouth with hints of fennel and anise.

### Food Matching

Simple grilled fish and shellfish, garlicky prawns or grilled squid.

### Technical Details

#### Varieties:

Viura 70%  
Malvasía 20%  
Torrontés, Tempranillo  
Blanco and Garnacha  
Blanca 10%

ABV: 14%

Closure: Natural cork

Colour: White

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 12 x 75cl

#### Oak Ageing

No oak ageing