



# Bodegas Amaren, Blanco Barrel Fermented, DOCa Rioja, Spain, 2020

## Producer Profile

Jon Cañas (Luis Cañas' grandson) is the imaginative winemaker behind Bodegas Amaren.

Jon has been granted free rein to explore the character of Alavesa's vineyards, giving us a raw, modern interpretation of Rioja Alavesa. Bodegas Amaren is comprised of some of the best and highest altitude vineyards around the villages of Samaniego and Leza, where the soil is poor and gnarly vines, ageing up to and over 100 years old, produces small bunches, perfect for making highly concentrated Rioja wines.

## Viticulture

Vines average more Than 60 years in age and are situated around 545 meters above sea level. The plots are located locally around the winery – Samaniego and the north of Villabuena de Álava and Leza and consist of chalky soils poor in organic matter. Clusters and berries are small, with high concentration and plenty of nuances.

## Winemaking

Manually harvested, grapes are selected on a double sorting table (first clusters and then berries). Only intact berries are selected. Alcoholic fermentation is conducted in 225 and 500 litre French oak barrels, whereas a small batch ferments in a concrete egg. The wine is aged in a combination of mostly new French oak barrels and concrete for an additional 10 months with regular battonage.

## Tasting Note

Bright, clean white colour. This wine is a description of its vineyards. On one hand it evokes the clay-calcareous terroir with saline hints; and on the other the aromatic potential shows up through the aromas of bramble, nettle, boxwood, stone fruits and flowers. In the mouth, It has an evolving and creamy feeling with fruity sensations, sweetness and anise. Its acidity and a soft bitterness invite us to another sip.

## Food Matching

Pasta, rice dishes, white meats with light sauces, roasted or grilled fish, seafood, roasted vegetables, foie-gras.

## Awards



Product code: 4584

## Technical Details

### Varieties:

Viura  
Malvasia  
Tempranillo Blanco



**ABV:** 14%

**Closure:** Natural cork

**Colour:** White

**Style:** Still wine

**Case Size:** 6 x 75cl

### Oak Ageing

**Time:** 10 Months

**Type:** 225 and 500 Litre  
French Oak

**% wine oaked:** 100

**% new oak:** None

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