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## Bodegas Amaren, Malvasia, Rioja Alavesa, Spain (150cl.), 2014



### Producer Profile

Bodegas Amaren, meaning 'of my mother' in Basque pays homage to Ángeles, the mother of Juan Luis Cañas, owner of Bodegas Luis Cañas.

Ángeles dedicated her life to the winery with a fierce passion to produce only the highest quality wines. In 2009 Juan created a winery dedicated to making wines that represent the pioneering ambition of his mother. Grapes are hand harvested and vineyard plots are categorised according to quality. These wines are so good five of the seven 3-star Michelin restaurants in Spain feature them on their menus.

### Viticulture

From El Pomal vineyard in the village of Leza planted in 1912. The Malvasia Riojana has, traditionally, been present in their vineyards often as part of a mixed field blend with Tempranillo, Viura and other grape varieties. In this particular old vineyard they have preserved this grape, also known as "Rojal" given the pink hue it takes when ripe.

### Winemaking

Manual harvest in baskets and a grape by grape selection at the winery. Fermentation in a concrete 1.700 litre "egg". Ageing on its own fine lees in the same "egg" for 14 months with weekly Crianza "bâtonnage". No barrel ageing. Aged for 2 years in bottle in the Amaren cellar before release.

### Tasting Note

Pale yellow and intense, bright-green hues. A wine of great aromatic complexity. On the nose there is ripe fruit such as pineapple and pears as well as delicate floral aromas such as orange blossom, dried flower petals, nutmeg, and pastry such as "brioche". A full fruit sensation gives way to floral and balsamic essences on the after taste. Very complex. The ageing on its fine lees and "bâtonnage" ensures a rich and full flavour, dense full bodied and long.

### Food Matching

A perfect aperitif wine but where it shines is on the table, accompanying seafood, fish with powerful sauces and even meats.

### Technical Details

#### Varieties:

Malvasia Riojana/Rojal  
100%

ABV: 13.5%

Colour: White

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 1 x 150cl

#### Oak Treatment

No oak treatment