

AIURRI

2021 Vintage

Aiurri is the character of the Rioja Alavesa. Small plots of old vines that grow in the shelter of the Toloño mountain range. This area benefits from the intermingling of continental and Atlantic climatic conditions. The vineyards primarily consist of Tempranillo, with some Graciano and Grenache.

Climate conditions

The 2021 vintage was characterized by abundant rainfall during the winter, 12% above average in the Leza area. We worked with cover crops to improve the soil structure and increase the microbiological richness of each plot. Bud break took place during the month of April without any weather or plant health incidents. The organic management of the crop and the good weather made it possible to treat the vineyards with natural products. The mild summer temperatures preserved the acidity and freshness of the grapes. Harvesting began on September 21 and finished on October 12.

Character of Leza

The Sierra de Toloño mountains shape the landscape, resulting in small vineyard plots with diverse clones and varying sun exposures and orientations, which promote gradual grape ripening. Its mountainous topography acts as a natural barrier to protect the Leza wine-growing area from adverse weather conditions. Loam soils with a high limestone content and a good amount of organic matter. Aiurri 2021 is a blend of grapes from six distinct plots in Leza: Vallejón, Espino, Losares, San Andrés, Guardaviñas, and Viejete. These plots are individually cared for to capture the best of each vineyard and its environment.

Elaboration by plots

The Aiurri 2021 grapes were harvested by hand after an initial selection of bunches in the vineyard. Later, in the winery, a double selection was made of clusters and berries. The vinification by parcels allows us to increase our knowledge of each vineyard and its environment, giving the wine its particular characteristics. We work with the utmost respect with spontaneous fermentations and gentle and very controlled extractions in French oak vats and concrete tanks. Aiurri 2021 has spent sixteen months of aging in French oak barrels of different sizes. After the blending of plots, the wine was aged in concrete tanks for three months. Finally, it was clarified with natural egg whites and bottled in the spring of 2023.



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