AHARI 2020

DOCa Rioja

Varieties: 60% Tempranillo, 30% Graciano and 10% Viura

Production: 5352 bottles

AHARI is an expression of both the past and the future. The Graciano in this blend is not only a traditional Riojan variety that is worthy of revival. Due to its energetic acidity it also makes the perfect variety to cope with a warmer future. Ahari shows that despite its known rusticity, Graciano can certainly be made into an elegant wine.

Vineyards

Six different plots all located in Rioja Alavesa at around 600 metres altitude, dating back to the 1940's. It has a calcareous clay soil and gives low yields of 3500-4000 kg per hectare.

Winemaking

Fermentation takes place in foudre and concrete egg, using indigenous yeasts. The wine ages for approximately 13 months in foudre.

Character

Ahari is characterized by its juicy freshness and finely-balanced tannins with some grip. Flavours of blueberry and black cherry, herbal with notes of thyme and floral notes of violet. The perfect expression of the Rioja Alavesa profile.

What's in a name

Ahari refers to a red elf from Basque mythology, who goes out in the night to scare people at their homes, just for fun. The drawing on the front label is an ode to Pablo Picasso's painting depicting Guernica. And the back label cites Pablo Picasso: "All you can imagine is real."

