

Rioja Alavesa
BHILAR
VINTAGE 2023

Varieties: 75% Tempranillo, 15% Viura, 10% Garnacha

Color: Red

Total Production: 29,300 Bottles.

ABV: 13,5%

RS: 1,4 g/L

Total SO₂: 32 mg/L

Vineyards: A blend of our Estate vineyards from Elvillar

Soil: Limestone Silt

Harvest (Dates): By Hand (Early September, 2023)

Elevation: 525 - 580 m (1722 - 1902 ft)

Farming: Dry-farmed / Organic / Biodynamic / Horse-plowed

Certification: Organic (Eneek) / Biodynamic (Demeter)

Fermentation: Native spontaneous

Vatting & Fermentation: full cluster in concrete tank

Elelage: 6 months in large oak vat & 12 months in a blend of 225 L & 500 L French oak.



91 Points

Produced with grapes from younger biodynamic vines. 20% full clusters that fermented with indigenous yeasts. It matured in 225- and 500-liter French oak barrels for one year. Exotic, with notes of cola nut and other spices and herbs.

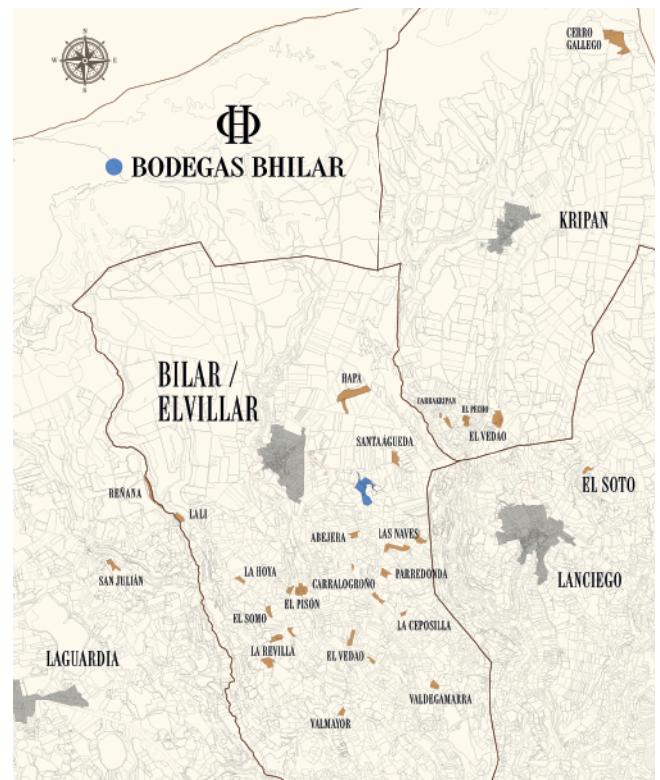
The palate is juicy and round, with clean and focused flavors and fine



2023 GROWING SEASON

The 2023 vintage began with optimism, marked by excellent fruit set in June due to favorable spring conditions. A prolonged heatwave in late August accelerated ripening, resulting in lower natural acidity and elevated alcohol levels. By harvesting early, we preserved balance and avoided the rains that arrived in late September.

Our high-altitude vineyards in Elvillar stood out, with cool nights helping to retain freshness and aromatics in the fruit. Long-cycle varieties like Garnacha and Graciano proved particularly resilient, yielding some of the most expressive wines of the year.



Starting with just three hectares in 1999, David Sampedro, a vigneron from Elvillar in Rioja Alavesa, converted his vineyards to organic farming, revealing a unique side of Rioja. Today, he and his wife Melanie manage 17 hectares of certified organic and biodynamic (Demeter) Estate vineyards, cultivated exclusively by plow-horse. In 2016, they built a sustainable, solar-powered, off-grid winery near their village. David's forward-thinking vision, focused on biodynamics and expressing the limestone soils and old, high-altitude vines of Elvillar, sets him apart in the region