

Bodegas Amaren

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Founded in 1995, Bodegas Amaren is the second project of Juan Luís Cañas, owner and manager of Bodegas Luís Cañas.

This 52-hectare winery is located in the town of Villabuena, in the Rioja Alavesa wine region. Amaren, which means “of the mother” in Basque, began with the 1995 vintage as a tribute to Juan Luis’ mother, Ángeles. Ángeles was a tireless worker, right up to her death, who devoted her life to working the land alongside her husband, Luis Cañas. Juan Luis says, “her enthusiastic, kind character is present in every one of our wines.”

In 2009, Juan Luis Cañas saw his dream come true, dedicating not just a wine but a whole winery to his mother. Amaren is his pursuit of perfection in all areas: the vineyard, the selection process, winemaking method and aging.

Bodegas Amaren produces Tempranillo, Graciano, Viura and Malvasia. The vines are planted on slopes or terraced banks, between 450 and 600 meters in altitude, with perfect sun exposure and poor soil – ideal conditions for quality vines. The vineyards are protected to the north by the imposing presence of the Sierra Cantabria. 22 hectares are over 60 years old, and the remaining 30 hectares are 30-60 years old.

The winery follows sustainable practices – no herbicides and only organic fertilizers – allowing the native soil to distinguish the wines.