

## Amaren Rioja Barrel Fermented Blanco

### Bodegas Amaren

#### Spain - Rioja - Rioja

Amaren is produced from plots located around the winery – Samaniego and the north of Villabuena de Álava and Leza. The demanding level that is set in Amaren requires that all the wines are produced in limited quantities. Vine plants are composed of small clusters which make perfect ripening possible with a high concentration of nuances. A wine with great aromatic intensity and elegance.

Bright clean yellow color. On the nose ripe fruit, stone fruit, citrus with hints of tropical fruits. Noticeable pastry and buttery characters coming from the batónnage. Pleasant chalky notes that showcase the clay-calcareous terroir along with additional complexity thanks to the wood fermentation. Tremendously fresh thanks to the acidity that the combination of the different white varieties provide.

Stone fruit with citrus notes and tropical flavors are accompanied with an enjoyable enveloping and unctuous mouthfeel that shows the labor intensive stirring of the lees. Very long finish with saline hints that perfectly match the chalky-clay soils of the Leza area from where the grapes are sourced.



### Specifications

<b>Appellation</b>	Rioja
<b>Wine Type</b>	White
<b>Varietals</b>	Viura, Malvasia, Tempranillo Blanco
<b>Age of Vines</b>	50+ years
<b>Vinification</b>	Manually harvested, grapes are selected on a double sorting table (first clusters and then berries). Only intact berries are selected. Alcoholic fermentation is conducted in 225 and 500 litre French oak barrels, whereas a small batch ferments in a concrete egg. AGEING: 10 months in barrel and concrete egg with regular batónnage.
<b>Pairings</b>	Pasta, rice dishes, white meats with light sauces, roasted or grilled fish, seafood, roasted vegetables, foie-gras.

### Reviews and News

2018 Amaren Rioja Barrel Fermented Blanco - 92 PTS - JS
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2013 Amaren Rioja Barrel Fermented Blanco - 91 PTS - VINOUS
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