

Casa la Rad Blanco 2015 (White Wine)



The Casa la Rad wines are produced from the oldest vines on the the Casa la Rad estate in Rioja Baja. The large, family-owned estate is located in the northern foothills of the Valle de Ocón, and encompasses 2,000 acres; mostly native oak forest, with 272 acres of vineyards, and 37 acres of olive groves. The remainder of the estate is dedicated to growing almonds and cereal crops.

They seek a balance between their activity and the local environment so as to sustain or improve its vitality and biodiversity.

Appellation	Rioja Baja
Grapes	50% Chardonnay, 30% Malvasia, 20% Viura, from the 50+ year old, <i>La Rad</i> single vineyard
Altitude / Soil	660 - 750 meters / calcareous soil
Farming Methods	Organic methods (not certified)
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Alcoholic fermentation in 500L oak vats, malolactic conversion in 225L barrels
Aging	Aged for 12 months in new French oak barrels
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8 436002 580509 / / 6

Reviews:

“Impressive fruit purity. Aromas of white peaches, jasmine and some lemon peel, Gentle and fleshy with a long finish. Drink now.” **92 points** *JamesSuckling.com*; August 2018

“In my experience, most white Rioja is either forgettable or downright bad, for one of two reasons: Either the wines are thin and cheap-tasting, or they’re overoaked and clumsy. This one avoids both of those pitfalls, showing very good substance and depth of flavor, with mostly stone fruit notes but also a juicy tropical layer as well. Light spice and just a subtle whiff of toast from 12 months of ageing in new French oak barrels adds additional aromatic complexity plus some pleasant grip in the finish, which nicely off-sets the juiciness of the 30% Malvasia (a quite notable component, along with 50% Chardonnay and 20% Viura). You’ll have a tough time finding a better modern-style white Rioja than this one.”

92 points *Wine Review Online*; Michael Franz – October 30, 2018

“The 2015 Blanco offers up a pretty nose of white peach, coconut, limestone soil tones, a bit of almond and a well done framing of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is crisp, full-bodied, nascently complex and very nicely balanced, with a fine core and good acidity, lovely focus and a long, quite classy young finish ... Good juice in a rather unique style. 2018-2030+.” **91+ points** *View from the Cellar*; Issue #75 - May/June 2018

“... The buttery nose entices right out of the gate with poached pear and brioche elements impressing. The palate shows a really good weight and viscosity with brioche, toasted macadamia nut, white peach and vanilla cream flavors. Nicely balanced, this great wine will age marvelously over the next ten plus years.”

91 points *International Wine Report*; June 2018



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