Casa Lebai La Nava 2021 (White Wine)



CASA LEBAI is the most personal project of Rodrigo and Asier Calvo. they carry out a deep study of the area for classification of the vineyard by clones, zones, soils and orientation, with which the concern to try to express the typicity of each place begins and all this gives rise to that word that is so popular at home "THE ZONING" from the Gumiel de Mercado vineyards.

Of the 32 own estates of the family vineyard, three are chosen for their age, soil typicity and behavior in vinification, each one has a character and personality that makes them different from the rest, with production methods that try to imitate what that relative did at the beginning of the 19th century.

In the 2019 vintage, CASA LEBAI was born, with the main objective of preserving the wine heritage in Gumiel de Mercado, as the project progresses it moves to a next level, also covering the recovery of family historical documents (currently reaching up to 9th generation with wine links) and conservation of historical presses and cellars from the 13th-14th century.

Appellation	Ribera del Duero D.O.
Grapes	100% Albillo Mayor, 83 years old vines
Altitude/Soil	829 meters / sandy with gravel areas
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested in 16 Kg boxes
Production	Fermented in concrete eggs vats
Aging	Aged for 12 months in 500 I french oak barrels
UPC/SCC/PackSize	8437005781030 - 18437005781037 - 12

Reviews:

"I almost died last year when they didn't show me the 2021 vintage of their white because they wanted to hold it, and I had to wait until now to taste the superb 2021 La Nava. It's from vineyards in the paraje (lieu-dit) in Gumiel del Mercado that names the wine—0.36 hectares planted in 1936 with a field blend that includes Albillo Mayor, Pirulés (Alarije) and Castellana Blanca grapes on sandy soils from which they produced an amazing white in 2020. This 2021 fermented in concrete and matured in two 500-liter barrels in an ancient cave for 12 months. It has a golden color and a complex and developed nose going beyond the primary notes, with dry flowers, white spices and wet chalk. It has 12.8% alcohol, a pH of 3.1 and 6.2 grams of acidity, from an early-ish harvest. It has contained ripeness and very good freshness, with the stuffing and balance between the components to age gracefully in bottle. It's has depth and complexity, and it's vibrant, very long and makes you salivate. This is notable, and more for a second vintage. Bravo! 1,270 bottles produced. It was bottled in November 2022."

96 points The Wine Advocate; Luis Gutierrez – June 19, 2025

"A blend of Albillo Mayor, Pirulés and Castellana Blanca, this wine has aromas of white peach, sage and jasmine. It is full on the palate, offering well-moderated acidity and peach, honeydew melon and rose petal, with a hint of dried hillside herbs in the vivid finish. *Editors' Choice.*"

94 points Wine Enthusiast; Mike DeSimone - Issue August - September 2024

