

Bideona, 'Mayela', Rioja Alavesa 2021



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Producer Note

Bideona, founded in 2018, is a winery based in the heart of Rioja Alavesa which offers a new perspective on Rioja wines: here the emphasis is on site, rather than ageing. The vineyards are situated on the slopes of the Sierra Cantabria, predominantly surrounding the villages of Villabuena, Leza, Laguardia and Baños del Ebro, with each terroir producing wines with distinctive character. The vines are extremely old and low-yielding; many were planted in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s and they deliver concentrated juice with a clear identity. Vines are planted on hillsides in soils with a high percentage of limestone, a characteristic that sets Alavesa apart from the rest of Rioja, together with high altitude and vineyard age. The winemaking philosophy is to obtain very pure, fresh and well-textured wines that reflect their origin.

Vineyard

The grapes come from 300 small, carefully selected parcels, situated on the slopes of the Sierra Cantabria, in Rioja Alavesa. The average age of the vineyard is approximately 50 years, but some of the vines are significantly older, many were planted in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s and produce low yields of concentrated juice. The bush vines are planted in limestone soils, resulting in elegant wines that are fresh, precise and age worthy due to the balancing acidity. The vines are cultivated with respect for the environment, using minimal sprays of copper and sulphur when required. The fruit is hand-harvested in 15-kilogram boxes to preserve the quality. Mayela aims to contribute to the preservation of traditional viticulture and to the sustainability of these historic vineyards.

Winemaking

The winemaking philosophy is to obtain very pure, fresh and well-textured wines that reflect their origin. This wine was vinified without any methods that would obscure the personality of the wine, resulting in a serious, unoaked wine. This is Bideona's 'Cosechero 2.0' (Harvester) project that is a contemporary reinterpretation of the grower / 'cosechero' tradition of Rioja Alavesa. It is a single wine, with each case of 6 carrying a series of six sequential labels featuring illustrations of Peninsula's growers, as a tribute to their daily work.

Tasting Note

Pure and intense aromas of dark cherries and blackberries are layered with a hint of violet and clove. The concentrated fruit is beautifully balanced by a fresh palate with chiselled, chalky tannins and a long, mineral finish.

Grape

Tempranillo 100%



Winemaker:	Tao Platón
Region:	Rioja
Sub region:	Rioja Alavesa
Country:	Spain
Alcohol:	13.5%
Body Value:	C (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	1
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic:	No
Biodynamic:	No
Product Code:	5104621A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Diam