

JAVIER SAN PEDRO ORTEGA

The Cantabrian foothills of Rioja Alavesa, where Javier sources much of his fruit



Cueva de Lobos Blanco Joven 2021

Rioja DOC, Spain

ESTATE

Javier San Pedro Ortega is a fifth-generation farmer and winemaker in Laguardia, the Rioja Alavesa's most emblematic village. Rather than wait to take the reins of his family's winery, he decided in 2014 to strike out on his own with nothing more than a bank loan and some inherited vineyards. The status and pedigree of his wines were quickly recognized, with some calling him "destined to become one of the great Rioja winemakers." (Ferran Centelles, JancisRobinson.com)

WINE

Javier's entry level white is crafted to appease a more youthful crowd, featuring a clean, crisp, and modern style. The level of precision and clarity brought out in the Viura is a remarkable testament to Javier's winemaking prowess.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 100% Viura

Vineyard: The vineyards are sourced largely in Rioja Alavesa, near the Sierra de Cantabrian Mountains. Average vine age is around 20 years.

Winemaking: Fermented and aged in stainless steel

Alcohol: 13%

VINTAGE

A cool but also dry year, with even and balanced ripening. September rain provided relief to most parts of Rioja.

TASTING NOTE

Ripe yellow peach and freshly squeezed lemon juice, with a crisp and almost saline structure.