

# Contino Blanco 2021

*Viñedos del Contino was born in 1973, establishing the “château” concept in the Rioja region.*

*Its wines are made exclusively from the vines planted on its 62 hectares.*

*The estate’s vineyards embrace its ancestral home within a meander in the River Ebro, located in Laserna, near the village of Laguardia in the Rioja Alavesa winemaking region.*



- **Type of wine:** White
- **Region of production:** Rioja Alavesa
- **Year:** 2021
- **Contino vintage rating:** Excellent
- **Grape varieties:** 80% Viura and 20% Garnacha Blanca
- **Type of bottle:** Burgundy
- **Production and bottle size:** 15,579 bot. 75cl.
- **Bottling date:** April 2023
- **Aging and barrel type:** 12 months in 500 lt barrels (Doreau, S. Moreau, Damy, 10% new, rest of 2, 3 wines) and concrete tank

## Analytical data

- **Alcoholic volume:** 12.44%
- **Total acidity:** 7.1
- **pH:** 3.07
- **Volatile acidity:** 0.50
- **SO2 Free/Total:** 32/170
- **Suitable for vegans**

## The vineyard

The Garnacha Blanca comes from the San Gregorio plot which was planted in 1980 and whose soils are calcareous clay. The Viura comes from different parts of Contino, from the alluvial, old pago of Lentisco, from the stony San Gregorio La Tabla and from La Finca de Santa María. All of these vines are between 35 and 40 years old.

## Winemaking

The close proximity of the vineyards to the winery means that the grapes arrived in perfect conditions.

Whole bunches of hand-picked grapes were destemmed and transferred to a stainless steel vat where skin contact took place. Following this, the vat was drained and pressed. Alcoholic fermentation took place during 20 days. Once finished, 30% is transferred to concrete tanks and the remaining 70% to new and semi-new barrels from different oak cooperages, of 500 litres.

## Vintage / Harvest description

The 2021 harvest was marked by inclement weather during the month of June. A hailstorm on June 14th, resulted in decrease in production, due to the phenological state in which our vines were at that time. June was a month of intense rainfall, reaching reserves of 120 liters of water in one month.

The earliest plots, with Viura and Garnacha Blanca, were harvested on September 15

During the months of ripening, the temperature increased progressively, bringing a stable and favorable ripening for our vineyards and the quality of the grapes.

## Tasting notes

Contino Blanco 2021 is of high aromatic complexity, with a deep nose where the fruity and toasted aromas stand out. On the palate, the wine is round and elegant, with a vibrant acidity and salinity, which will give it longevity in the future. The wine reflects the essence of our vineyard "San Gregorio".

