

BODEGA LANZAGA / Rioja

El Velado (2022)

El Monte
01308 Lanciego, Álava

El Velado is a beautiful and very old vineyard situated at an altitude of 600 metres above sea level. It is the first vineyard we fell in love with in Lanciego and the one that probably best expresses the influence of the light.

The vineyard was planted in the easternmost part of the village, facing mainly west and south, and enjoying a warmer light. Because of this exposure, its field blend is made with a majority of Garnacha and Tempranillo plus some other old varieties, including white. Its old age of over 80 years, its size, and the sculptural shape of the bush pruned vines, make this vineyard very special and full of light.

VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

2022 will be remembered as both a warm and dry year. The first heatwave arrived in May, following a mild and dry winter and spring, and effectively made up for the 15-day delay in the growing cycle up to that point. As a result, vegetative growth accelerated, leading to an early and exceptional flowering and fruit set—making this vintage of El Velado perhaps more “Garnacha” in character than ever. Despite being an early year overall, the cycle stretched out in the higher areas of the village, and harvest took place at the usual dates for vineyards above 600 metres. Picking began on 7th October.

BOTTLES PRODUCED

1,521

