

## RIOJA

**BODEGAS ALMAGRE**  
LOGROÑO

**OVERVIEW** | Owned by Spanish industrialist Dionisio Ruiz Ijalba, Bodegas Almagre is a small winery located near Logroño, in the heart of Rioja.

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 7500 cases

**SOIL TYPES:** chalk

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** tempranillo, mazuero

Fresh, fruity, and always a favorite, Almagre Rioja comes from Spain's most renowned red wine region. Rioja's history blends uniquely Spanish varietals, like the great Tempranillo, with a tradition brought from Bordeaux: extended barrel aging. This combination allows the region to produce a range of wines from lively, simple reds to some of the best wines of the world, capable of being cellared for 30 years or more.

**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | The vines have been cultivated strictly in accordance with traditional Rioja rules: high density, in infertile and shallow soils, no use of chemical fertilizers (only manure), no irrigation during the growing cycle, and no use of insecticides or pesticides. The Grape production is supervised by the Organic Farming Control Board of the government of La Rioja, in accordance with European regulation (EEC).

**WINES** | The Rioja Tinto comes from 10 to 15 year old vines and has 6 months aging in American oak. It is a blend of 90% Tempranillo and 10% Mazuelo (the local name for Carignan). After harvest, the grapes undergo a long, 20-day maceration that gives the wine its excellent fruit concentration.

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