



BODEGAS LAS ORCAS Solar de Randez Joven



REGION/ ORIGIN	Rioja Alavesa Rioja DOCa	WINEMAKER	Raimundo Abando
VINTAGE	2020	WINERY ESTABLISHED	1900
VARIETALS	100% Tempranillo	VINEYARD(S)	Estate vines 5 hectares
ALCOHOL	14.2%	AGE OF VINEYARD(S)	50 years old
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel	SOIL TYPE	Calcareous & clay
AGING	10 months	VINEYARD(S) ELEVATION	615 meters
FILTER/FINING	Light filter Pronatur	FARMING METHODS	Sustainable
TOTAL SULFUR RS	46 mg/l .01 g/l	PRODUCTION	22,000 bottles

*“Compromises are for relationships, not wine.” – Sir Robert Scott Caywood
Bodegas las Orcas is a true, small family winery, creating exceptional wines, from their own estate fruit.*

Bodegas las Orcas is a small, family-owned and operated winery in the Rioja Alavesa region of Spain. The winery dates back to the year 1900 in the medieval town of Laguardia, where the family wines were made in their traditional cellar underneath the town until the construction of their new bodega happened just outside the town walls in 1999. Raimundo and his wife Cristina run the winery today and make remarkable Rioja wines using only fruit from their own family vineyards. The vineyards are tended naturally without the use of artificial fertilizers or pesticides, and the wines are fermented using native yeasts and absolutely minimal filtration (also, all the wines are vegan friendly). This is exceptional Rioja that brings together historic practices in the cellar, while also taking advantage of some more modern techniques, all while offering great value for authentically made wine from an area where large production has become a norm.

‘Solar de Randez’ roughly means the ‘House of Randez,’ which is an old family name of the estate ‘orcas’ refers to an old local tool that was used to turn up the dirt between rows in the vineyard

The 2020 *Solar de Randez Joven* (young wine with no oak) comes from a 15-hectare plot of 40 to 60 year old vineyards that grow on a hill with both north and south facing slopes. The ripeness levels that come from the different sides of the hill create amazing depth in this fresh and young wine. Sitting on calcareous clay soils mixed with sand and rock, the layers displayed in this dense, ink-colored red are fantastically expressive. After only time in stainless steel, the resulting fruit is ripe, bright, and a deliciously bright wine. The Joven has beautiful aromas of red and black cherries with a touch of licorice, and the palate follows with a medium-bodied, yet impressively structured mouthfeel for a young wine, full of dark fruits, and a lingering finish of black pepper, licorice and fig.