

# Basa 2017

# Rueda, Spain

#### **ESTATE**

Telmo Rodriguez is one of Spain's pioneer winemakers, advocating native grape varietals tied to the climates and conditions of their sites, and making world-class wines from undiscovered as well as known regions. Perhaps most impressive, while Telmo Rodriguez makes rare and limited wines of astonishing character and quality, his everyday wines have been equally praised, and widely recognized for the tremendous value they offer.

#### WINE

Basa is one of the pioneering wines to show the expression of a grape variety, the "Verdejo" that adapted to a continental climate, giving rise to a direct, fresh and expressive wine. This refreshing blend of the native varieties Verdejo and Viura from Rueda has year after year been named one of Spain's and the world's great white wine values. The intense floral aromatics, freshness and wonderful texture are the result of the high elevation plantings in lime and gravel soils, with good drainage. The wine derives its name from red counterpart Baso, itself named after the country's ancient 'baso' (gobelet)-shaped bushvines.

#### **VINEYARD**

The fruit for Basa is sourced from different areas of the Rueda DO – La Seca, Serrada, Pozeldez and Foncastin - from suppliers who practice sustainable farming. Training is a mixture of bush vine and cordon, and the soils are a combination of gravel and limestone.

#### WINEMAKING

The grapes are harvested by hand and machine. Fermentation and maturation takes place in INOX tanks for several months and is bottled in January following the harvest.

### **VINTAGE**

Very dry year, with scarce rainfall. The frost of April 28 in the whole area marked the vintage and affected an early sprout. The scarce production and the dry and hot summer, offered the earliest vintage in history, with wines slightly more mature than usual.

## **TASTING NOTE**

Bright straw with flints of green in color. Floral and herbaceous on the nose with aromas of lime and pear. Fresh, fruity and juicy on the palate with excellent citrus freshness and mouth filling flavors of apple, peaches and plums.