## BODEGA LANZAGA / Rioja

El Monte 01308 Lanciego, Álava

## El Velado (2016)

El Velado is a beautiful and very old vineyard situated at an altitude of 600m. It is the first vineyard we fell in love with in Lanciego and the one that is probably best expressing the beauty and singularity of this place. It also was part of Altos de Lanzaga until 2013.

The vineyard was planted in the easternmost part of the village of Lanciego, facing mainly west and south, and enjoying a warmer light. Because of this exposure, its field blend was 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, full of light, which we wished to capture and bottle separately.

In 2016 we had a benign spring and perfect conditions in the flowering period, resulting in an exceptional fruit set. El Velado coped well with the heat wave in August and September; harvest was abundant and of very good quality.

BOTTLES PRODUCED 1.516

