

# OBALO WINERY

**D.O. Ca Rioja**

**Address:** Carretera N232a Km26  
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**Website:** bodegaobalo.com

**Year of foundation:** 2006

**Average annual production:** 200.000 bottles



BODEGAS OBALO

**Sub-areas:** Bodegas Obalo oozes the winemaking tradition of La Rioja as a result of its location in La Rioja Alta, in a village called Álalos, which is among the villages San Vicente de La Sonsierra, Labastida, Samaniego and Párganos. These villages constitute the heart of a winemaking region considered to be one of the best in the world. It also benefits from the priceless influence of Sierra Cantabria, a mountain range that channels the Atlantic winds and mitigates the cold fronts from the north.

**Vineyard:** 2 ha of own vineyards and 40 ha of controlled vineyards

**Location:** Slopes in Sierra Cantabria, on terraces, facing the south and areas of the valley and in the undulations along the landscape

**Altitude:** Between 700 and 400 metres

**Climate:** Predominantly Mediterranean with a considerable influence from Sierra Cantabria, which mitigates the cold Atlantic winds

**Average rainfall:** 499 mm/year

**Soils:** Calcareous-clay soils made up of limestone, marl and sandstone. These soils are colour golden brown with a low-capacity for water retention that, in addition to the limited rainfall, produce low yields and a high quality grape with concentrated aromas and colour.

**Age of the vineyard:** Small old vineyards with an age range between 40 and 90

**Pruning system:** Gobelet-trained in a candelabrum formation with 3 branches

**Plantation pattern:** 2.5 m x 1.2 m

**Plantation density:** 3,300 vines/hectare

**Average production:** 4,000 - 4,500 kg/ha

**Variety:** Tempranillo

**Fermentation vats:** Small vats where wine can be made from each plot of land individually and where each grape can maintain its qualities

**Ageing:** 900 French oak barrels from different cooperages and with different chars, both new and reused once, twice and up to three times. This results in a slow integration of the wood's qualities that strengthens, without masking, the virtues of the fruit and widens the scope for employing different coupages

**Wines:** Obalo Rosé, Obalo, Obalo Crianza, Obalo Reserva

# OBALO 2018

**DESCRIPTION:** Obalo is a unique creation that fully expresses the essence and distinctive fruitiness of Riojan Tempranillo, whilst maintaining a mouthfeel and structure more usually associated with more modern styled wines

**NUMBER OF BOTTLES:** 45,000 bottles 0,75L



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## VINTAGE REPORT 2018

Winter and Spring in Rioja were markedly mild although the summer that followed was warmer than usual. Rainfall was evenly spread throughout the year while respecting the delicate flowering and budding periods. The summer was warm and dry which in turn led to a slightly earlier than usual harvest and to perfectly mature tannins and grapes.

## WINEMAKING DETAILS

**GRAPE VARIETY:** 100% Tempranillo

**AGEING PROCESS:** 3 month in French oak 50% new

**ELABORATION:** This wine macerates for two days at cold temperature before fermenting in french oak tanks. The malolactic fermentation takes place in French oak barriques (50% new) where the wine will continue to age for 3 months.

## VINEYARDS NOTES:

**AVERAGE AGE:** : 10% of our vines are 6 years old and the rest are up to 25 years

**SOILS:** In all of our plots the predominant soil profile is calcareous clay with sandy and loamy limestone. The soil here is brownish grey, poor and with a meagre water retaining capacity

**CLIMATE:** Atlantic with a continental influence. The Sierra Cantabria to the north protects from cold winds creating a microclimate that is marked by soft winters and summers along with a significant difference in diurnal temperatures that favour the polyphenolic ripening of our grapes.

## TASTING NOTES:

Enticing deep and bright cherry colour. It is intensely perfumed with a bouquet of red fruits such as cherries and wild strawberries that are so typical from a great Tempranillo. In the palate it is gentle and velvety showing vibrant red berry and cherry flavours. This young wine is rounded off by a subtle and yet seducing spicy finish.

## FOOD PAIRINGS:

It is a perfect match with steak, roast chicken, pasta and rice dishes as well as great with tapas and Manchego cheese.

## ANALYSIS:

**ALCOHOL:** 14% vol.

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 1.2 % vol.

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 4,55 g/L

## SCORES:

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**BODEGA OBALO** was built in 2006 and is situated right in the border with the Rioja Alta even though the majority of its vineyards are to be found in the Rioja Alavesa. The architecture of the winery with its harmonious gridded lines along with its cutting-edge installations reveals the youthful spirit of this project. Bodegas Obalo is part of Avanteselecta, a company which is made up of nine wineries, located in Spain's leading winemaking regions. Each one has a different personality but all of them share a common goal.



**PRESENTATION:** 75cl.

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