

## WINEMAKERS´S NOTE

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



Andrew Halliwell, winemaker

**PRODUCTION:** 30.130 bottles,75l

**GRAPE VARIETY:** 100% Tempranillo

**ALCOHOL:** 14 % Vol.

**Total acidity:** 4,80 g/L(tartárico) - **Residual sugar** :1,0 % g/L.

## WINEMAKING:

This wine macerates for two days at cold temperature before fermenting in french oak tanks. Malolactic fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks followed by 3 months of maturation on the lees in 50% new French oak barrels.

## TASTING NOTE:

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.

## VINEYARDS

**AVERAGE AGE:** : 10% of our vines are 9 years old and the rest are up to 25 years

**SOILS:** In all of our plots the predominant soil profile is calcarious 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.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF VINTAGE:** A cold winter, followed by an extremely hot summer, which forced us to bring the harvest forward to the third week of September, in order to respect the fruit aromas typical of the variety, and to preserve the acidity and balance.  
Fruit with a touch of modern barrel

## WINERY

Bodegas 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.

