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Abel Mendoza Malvasía 2025

Abel Mendoza - 75 cl.



Malvasía was the first white wine Abel Mendoza produced, back in 1992, when Malvasía Riojana had almost disappeared from Rioja. This is not the aromatic Malvasía Cándida, but Malvasía Riojana, a more austere and rather neutral variety, also known as Alarije or Subirat Parent. After more than 30 years of experience with this grape, Abel Mendoza produces a white Rioja with freshness, tension and a saline undertone. Production of around 2,100 bottles.

Vinification
Fermentation and ageing for 5 months in French oak barrels, on fine lees, with regular lees stirring. Despite the use of oak, the wood remains discreet and the grape variety stays at the centre.

Storage potential
Drink as from: 2026
Best moment: 2028-2031
Until: 2032

To serve
Serve in a large glass, not too cold (9-10°C) after decanting.

Trial analysis
Bright yellow colour. Very floral on the nose, with toasted bread notes. Dry but fruity on the palate, with a nice acidity underneath. Powerful but well balanced, mineral and slightly smoky on the finish.

Wine style:
Continental, powerful and mineral

Assembly
Malvasia (100%)

Region:
La Rioja

Appellation:
D.O.C. Rioja

Wine estate:
Abel Mendoza

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Description domain

This is one of the smallest estates in Rioja. Abel cares about the vines, and his spouse Maite about the winemaking. A happy combination - this estate is one of the region's hidden jewels. Their whites and reds are equally outstanding. The estate is located in San Vincente de la Sonsierra, in Rioja Alta, on the border with Rioja Alavesa.