

VIÑEDOS EL PACTO

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Viñedos El Pacto is a journey back to the roots of the most authentic Rioja—a commitment to reviving village wines and traditional viticulture. This Vintae project was born in Alto Najerilla and Sonsierra, two historic regions where old vines have thrived for generations, cultivated with deep respect for nature’s rhythms. Here, the vineyard comes first, with every plot preserving biodiversity and safeguarding a unique genetic heritage passed down through time, capturing the purest expression of its origin.

El Pacto de Cárdenas revives a traditional local wine style known as Ojo Gallo, noted for its bright, luminous red hue. Historically in Cárdenas, this low-color, fresh red was crafted with a distinctive identity by blending red and white grape varieties.

With this wine, we recovered a tradition that was on the brink of extinction.

### AWARDS

**95** POINTS

Tim Atkin MW.  
Rioja Report 2024.  
2022 vintage.

**93** POINTS

James Suckling 2024.  
2022 vintage.

**91** POINTS

Joaquín Hidalgo in  
Vinous. 2024.  
2022 vintage.

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Guía Peñin 2024.  
2022 vintage.



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*12,500 bottles and 200 magnums*

## GRAPE VARIETIES

Garnacha and Viura, along with old vines of Tempranillo, Malvasía, Graciano, Mazuelo, and other unidentified varieties.

## VINEYARD

Three century-old plots and one planted in 1957 in Alto Najerilla, at 600 meters elevation. The soil is ferrous clay with a base of conglomerate rock.

## HARVEST

Manual harvest in mid-September 2022.

## WINEMAKING

Red and white grapes were vinified together. Maceration lasted four days in concrete vats, where fermentation also partially took place, finishing in stainless steel.

## AGING

Aged for 12 months—half in a 5,000-liter oak vat and half in small concrete tanks.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**3,32**

PHP

**13,12%**

ALCOHOL

## TASTING NOTES

**Visual:** Very light red color, with bright Garnacha tones reflecting youth and energy. Brilliant and luminous in the glass.

**Nose:** Intense aromas of red fruits, strawberry yogurt, lollipop, floral and citrus notes. Oak ageing adds creamy and enveloping nuances.

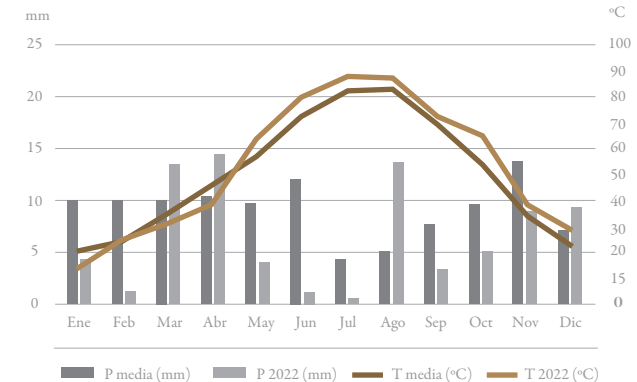
**Palate:** Fluid and easy-drinking, with well-integrated acidity enhancing its freshness. Glyceric, silky texture brings unusual elegance for a red wine, echoing the softness of a white. Delicate yet complex, with a harmonious blend of fruit, spice, and oak nuances. Long and refined finish.

## *Vintage* **2022**

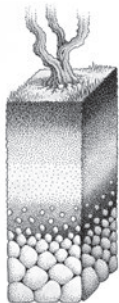
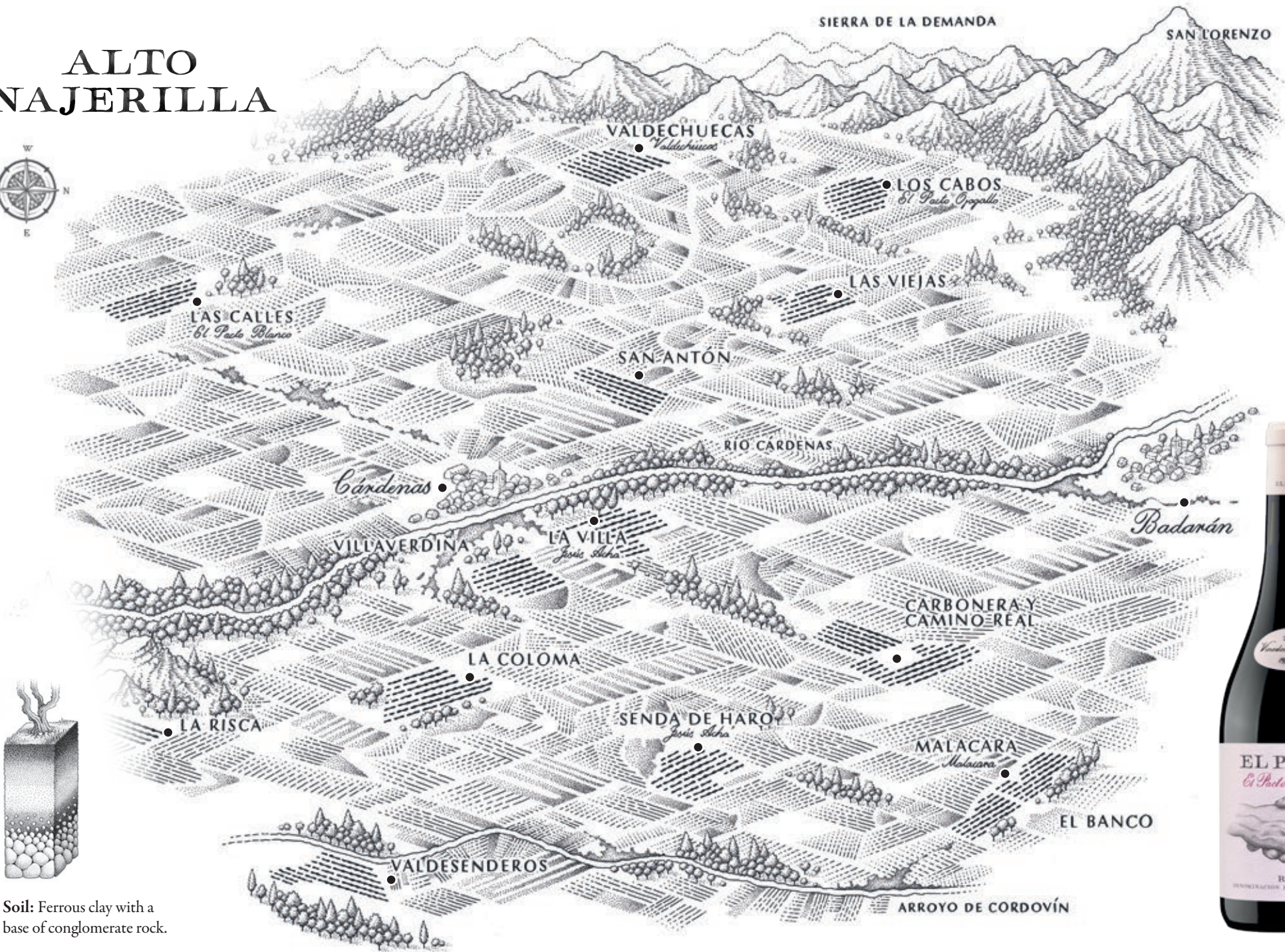
A vintage marked by drought and high temperatures, which resulted in healthy grapes of excellent quality thanks to the total absence of disease.

The harvest was early and slightly shorter than in previous years, while freshness was preserved in the high-altitude areas where our vineyards are located.

## METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS



# ALTO NAJERILLA



Soil: Ferrous clay with a base of conglomerate rock.

