

Rioja Alavesa
VINO DE MUNICIPIO DEL ELVILLAR

PHINCAS

PARAJE EL VEDAO

VINTAGE 2020

Variety: 100% Garnacha

Color: Red

Total Production: 1,824 Bottles.

ABV: 13,5%

RS: 1,4 g/L

Total SO₂: 54 mg/L

Vineyards: Estate vineyards in the viticultural area of El Vedao, Elvillar

Soil: Shallow limestone, clay and sand

Harvest (Dates): By hand (Early October, 2020)

Elevation: 500 m (1640 ft)

Farming: Dry-farmed / Organic / Biodynamic / Horse-plowed

Fermentation: Native Spontaneous

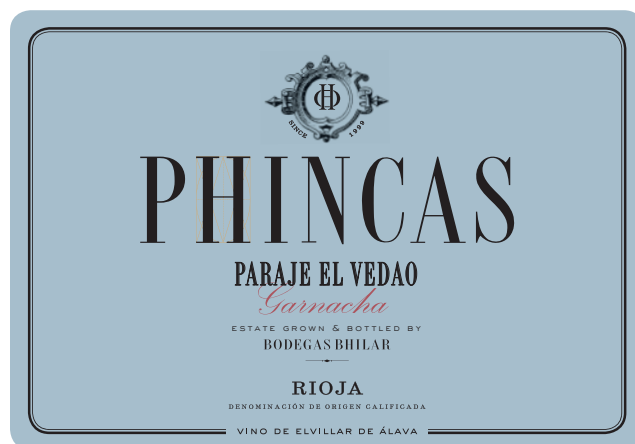
Vatting: Whole cluster foot trodden in concrete tank

Elevage: 12 months in 500L French oak, 20 months in Foudre,
6 months in concrete tank.

Tim Atkin^{MS}

94 Points

This is a serious, well-structured Garnacha from 35 to 60-year-old vineyards in Elvillar and Kripán. Earthy, racy and slightly chalky, it has bramble, plum and red berry flavours, some clove notes from added stems, fine tannins and a lingering finish.

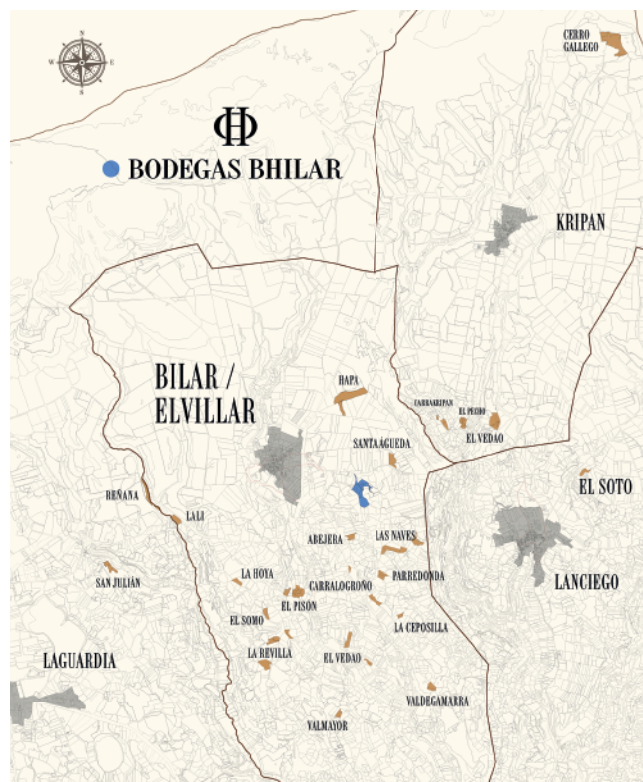


2020 GROWING SEASON

The 2020 growing season in Rioja Alavesa was marked by extreme weather, posing significant challenges.

A rainy November and a warm winter led to early bud break in March, followed by a slowdown due to cold, wet conditions in late March and April. Warm weather returned in late April, but heavy storms in May and above-average rainfall created ideal conditions for mildew, reducing yields.

Tropical-like summer conditions gave way to cold weather in late August, with sharp temperature swings hindering ripening. Powdery mildew further impacted the harvest, which required extensive sorting to ensure quality. Despite these difficulties, the wines from 2020, particularly from older vineyards, show remarkable character, depth, and concentration, though yields were significantly lower, especially for entry-level wines.



Starting with just three hectares in 1999, David Sampedro, a vigneron from Elvillar in Rioja Alavesa, converted his vineyards to organic farming, revealing a unique side of Rioja. Today, he and his wife Melanie manage 17 hectares of certified organic and biodynamic (Demeter) Estate vineyards, cultivated exclusively by plow-horse. In 2016, they built a sustainable, solar-powered, off-grid winery near their village. David's forward-thinking vision, focused on biodynamics and expressing the limestone soils and old, high-altitude vines of Elvillar, sets him apart in the region