

## Bodegas Proelio 2016 Rioja Crianza

WineWise Code	SPR-CRI16
Country	Spain
Region	Rioja
Color	Red
Case Size	12x750
Discounts/Net	Discountable
ABV	14
Acidity	4.95
Residual Sugar	0.34
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	10000
Varieties	80% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha
Pumpover/Punchdown?	Pumpover
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	10
Aging method	Used Barrique 50%, New Barrique 50%
Aging duration (months)	12 months
Filtered	No
Finin_Agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Lees Contact/Stirring	No
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 40 mg/L
Vineyard Name	Sonsierra Riojana and Alavesa, Alto Najerilla, Albelda de Iregua and Laderas del Moncalvillo.
Soil Type	Alluvial, Sedimentary
Elevation (meters)	600
Vineyard Aspect	East
Vine Age (years)	50
Vine Yields (hl/ha)	40
Farming practices	Sustainable
Grape Picking	Hand-Harvested

### WineWise Notes on the Wine:

We were hardly looking to add a Rioja to our collection when this one came a knocking, but we were seduced by its authenticity and innate harmony. Neither self-consciously traditional nor overtly modern, it impresses with its clear, cherry-toned fruit and honestly tannic, briary texture. Real wine for real people.



### WineWise Notes on the Producer:

Proelio is one of three wineries belonging to Javier Palacios, each dedicated to different genres : Nivarius exclusively (and most unusually to white Rioja), Trus to Ribeira del Duero, and Proelio to red wines. The vineyards are relatively high in the Rioja Alt at 800 meters, and offer an impressive variety of soil types and inclinations. But they are generally north-facing and have an average age of 45 years. Also, unusually for the region, the wines are produced 85% from their own holdings. Farming practices are very traditional, with all the plowing done by horses. The estate is in the second year of conversion to organic certification. Fermentation via indigenous yeasts is achieved in large wooden vats, with further aging all done in increasingly large barrels and final assembly executed in concrete.

