



Rioja

Bodegas Solar de Ayala

Winery Info Sheet



Proprietor: Emilio Aguillo founded Solar de Ayala in 1998. He currently owns 44 acres of Tempranillo and Graciano vines. His first vintage was 2000.

Winemaker / Vineyard Manager: Emilio Aguillo / Jesus Ramirez.

Location: Zone 3, in the town of la Guardia, Rioja, which is the capital city of Rioja Alavesa. Wineries such as Artadi, Palacio, Pujanza etc, are located in this district of Rioja. Of the 3 districts in Rioja (Rioja Alta, Rioja Alavesa and Rioja Baja), Alavesa is the coolest and highest in rainfall.

Wines Made: Solar de Ayala

Climate: Zone 3, Continental Atlantic, moderate warm days and cool nights, with 12.5 inches of rainfall between May and October. This climate forces the grapes to ripen slowly, resulting in wines that are fresher, more aromatic and fruit flavor driven. The vineyards of Rioja Alavesa are protected by the *mountains of Cantabria*, blocking north ocean winds, excessive levels of rainfall and humidity. Harvest usually takes place during the second week of October, which is late compare to other regions in Spain. The Foehn-flow caused by the Cantabrian Mountains, acts as a drying component, allowing for Tempranillo and Graciano grapes to ripen.

Soils: Clay and limestone on the surface. Its subsoil is composed of Sand and compact limestone. This soil profile has two common features, **1.** it is cool, which allows for a longer ripening period and **2.** allows for water retention, preventing drought.

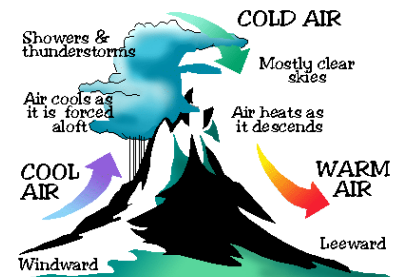
What makes Solar de Ayala unique? **1)** small production value wines, **2)** from a dry farming single vineyard. **3)** Its Continental Atlantic Climate, brings about a long repining season, allowing for greater flavor complexity. **4)** Its proximity to the mountains of Cantabria, offers a consistent climatic environment, resulting in stable levels of quality every year.



There are 154,100 acres of vineyard land in Rioja.

| Sub-Regions | Zone | Average Temp. | Rain Fall |
|---------------|------|---------------|-----------|
| Rioja Alta | 3 | 63.7° F | 9.4 in |
| Rioja Alavesa | 3 | 62.5° F | 12.5 in |
| Rioja Baja | 4 | 65.5° F | 8.5 in |

The vineyards of Solar de Ayala, located in Rioja Alavesa are cooler and higher in rainfall than Rioja Alta and Baja.



Foehn-flow across the Mountains of Cantabria

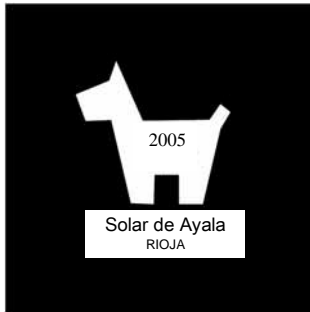
BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

| VINEYARD | ACRES | AGE OF VINES (2006) | SOIL | ALTITUDE | SLOPE |
|-------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------|
| TEMPRANILLO | 34 | 33 | LIMESTONE, CLAY AND SAND | 1,995 | 2% |
| GRACIANO | 10 | 14 | LIMESTONE, CLAY AND SAND | 1,995 | 2% |



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Name of Wine: Solar de Ayala 2005

Producer: Bodegas Solar de Ayala (44 acres of vineyards)

DO: Rioja Alavesa (Zone # 3) Climate: Continental Atlantic

Grape: 90% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano

Soils: Clay and Limestone topsoil and sand and Compact limestone subsoil.

Production: 1500 Cases made – 900 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Emilio Aguillo

Ageing: 3 months in new French oak.

Notes: