



## Bideona

2022

# 'COFRADES'

Tinto | Rioja Alavesa - Spain



ORGANIC



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** Tempranillo & other field blend varieties

**Vineyard:** Cofrades Vineyard (Leza village)

**Vine Age:** 80-years-old

**Soil Type:** Calcareous clay

**Viticulture:** Practicing organic

**Fermentation:** Native & inoculated with house-cultured yeasts – stainless-steel

**Aging:** 433 days in new 1200L & used 300L French oak barrels

**Alcohol:** 14%

**pH:** 3.73

**Total Acidity:** 5.04 g/L

**Total SO2:** 139 ppm

**Total Production:** 226 cases

**UPC:** 8437024184300

### Reviews

Vinous | 92 points

### About

'Cofrades' is one of Bideona's single vineyard wines from the village of Leza. Cofrades was planted in 1945 and is a field blend of predominantly Tempranillo and Viura, with small amounts of Benedicto, Morate, Mencía, Garnacha, Graciano, Malvasía Riojana, and Cayetana Blanca. The vineyard lies at the foot of the Sierra Cantabria, in a beautiful lieu-dit where Mediterranean vegetation alternates with nearly century-old vineyards. Here, at 1,800 feet above sea level, Cofrades is surrounded by blackthorn, fennel, rosemary, and lavender on a gentle southeast-facing slope, with a line of oaks and junipers shielding it from the northern winds. The soils are poor, clay-limestone in nature, with compact sandstone rock appearing at a depth of 25-33 inches, and containing 10% active limestone.

The aging vessels and times are carefully selected annually based on the vintage's characteristics. Heat waves and drought during the latter part of the growing season marked the 2022 vintage. Under these harsh circumstances, the old vines planted in the best soils and locations demonstrated their greatness, offering juicy, structured, rounded, and weighty wines, but not lacking in freshness in the 2022 'Cofrades.' Given these characteristics, Bideona decided to age this wine in a new 1,200-liter vat and three used 300-liter barrels, all French oak, for 433 days.

### Tasting Notes

Cofrades is deep, delicate, and complex, with notes of exotic herbs and black fruit. It combines the freshness and muscular structure of vineyards close to the Sierra with an uncommon elegance and silkiness of tannins.