



# GÓMEZ CRUZADO

## MONTES OBARENES 2016

**GÓMEZ CRUZADO** || Founded in 1886, in the heart of Haro's Barrio de la Estación, Gómez Cruzado is a historic cellar and one of only sixteen "Bodegas Centenarias" in all of Rioja. Gómez Cruzado is a unique boutique winery that blends a profound respect for Haro's heritage of fine wines with an unflagging quest for the purest expression of terroir. The heart of the wines is in the vineyards, a mix of almost 100 different supervised plots across three well-defined regions:

**RIOJA** || Rioja was the first Spanish wine region to obtain DO status, in 1925. In 1991, it was promoted to DOCa (Qualified Designation of Origin), a higher category reserved for wines maintaining a proven consistency and quality over a long period of time. Rioja has three distinct subregions (Alavesa, Alta & Baja) as well as stylistic diversity ranging from the traditional oxidative wines to the full throttle modern style.

### TERROIR SELECTION || MONTES OBARENES 2016

**BLEND** | 75% Viura and 25% Tempranillo Blanco

**VINEYARDS** | Montes Obarenes is a modern take on Rioja's great whites. The wine is named for the hills in the northwest of Rioja Alta, where the Ebro River enters into Rioja, bringing clouds and colder temperatures with it. Located at the foot of the Montes Obarenes close to Haro, this area is exceptional for growing white varietals, with fresh and rich soil.

**WINEMAKING** | 80% of the wine is fermented and aged on fine lees in new French oak barrel and 20% is aged on fine lees in an ovoid concrete tank. Long refinement in bottle to achieve a white wine with freshness and typicity and excellent ageing capacity.

**PRESS** | 95 WA

"The white 2016 Montes Obarenes has to be one of the finest modern classical whites from Rioja. With a Burgundian twist and the finest vintage for this blend, it's a reinterpretation of the whites that were traditionally produced in Haro. It has balsamic notes and a chalky sensation in the palate that reveals precision and freshness. There are notes of chamomile and dry flowers, fine wood and smoke. It has great balance, purity and length with a dry finish. It's austere and serious, with great elegance. This should age magnificently in bottle."

