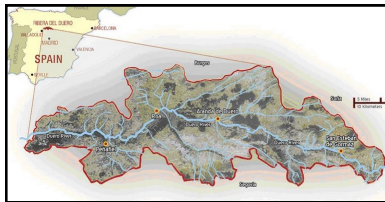
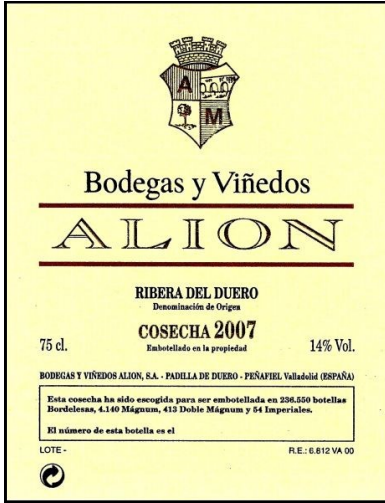


BODEGAS ALION
RIBERA DEL DUERO



Bodegas Alión was launched with the 1991 vintage by the famous Vega Sicilia estate. The wine is made by Javier Ausas, winemaker at Vega Sicilia, from a single grape variety: the Tempranillo. The style and philosophy is entirely different to the long ageing at Vega Sicilian, with the release of a young, three years old wine that has been matured almost entirely in new French oak from Nevers. Ready to be drunk after release but with at least 10 years ageing potential. A modern, world class wine of great distinction.

Well known for their more traditional style wines Unico and Valbuena, Vega Sicilia's idea with Alion was to produce a high quality, modern wine from a new vineyard site that expresses the terrior of Ribera del Duero. It was also very important that this new wine should not be perceived as a second wine of the house. In light of this, the decision was made that this new wine should not be made at the original winery and the search for a new bodega was started.

New vineyards were needed, so 25 ha. was purchased in 1987, about 7kms east of the original vineyards. 15 ha of Tempranillo was planted in 1988. Due to the production level required, 100 Ha. of vines would be needed. Unable to find the required land, more vines were planted at the original Vega Sicilia site for the Alion project.

Bodegas Alion make just the one wine, Alion Reserva Tinto. There is no Crianza or second wine, no white wine; the entire focus is on the single wine.

The RIBERA DEL DUERO area has a continental-type climate, with an Atlantic influence. Rainfall is low, with annual averages below 500 mm, concentrated especially in spring and autumn. Sunshine, which is high extensive and abundant, reaches annual averages of 2,200 hours, and the River Duero favors the morning mists and fogs that provide an additional source of humidity.



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