



BODEGASNAIA

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**D.O. Rueda**

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**Website:** [www.bodegasnaia.com](http://www.bodegasnaia.com)

**Oenologist:** Laura Sanz

**Year of foundation:** 2002

**Average annual production:** 840,000

**Sub-area:** Bodegas Naia is located in the village La Seca, which is considered the Grand Cru of the D. O. Rueda and where some of the oldest vineyards of this Denomination of Origin can be found. The bodega's objective since its inception has been to select the oldest Verdejo vines and make great white wines in an area with a proven potential for this purpose

**Vineyard:** 23.5 ha of own vineyards: 20 ha of which are gobelet trained vineyards with over 40 years of age and 2 ha of young (15 years of age) trellis vineyards. The rest are gobelet-trained Viura vineyards with over 35 years of age. Bodegas Naia works very closely with winegrowers from the region and it has established a strong and sustained relationship with them. These vineyards have an age range between 80 and 130

**Altitude:** Between 750 and 800 metres

**Climate:** Within a continental and Mediterranean area of influence. The vineyards suffer extreme seasonal changes of temperature, with a difference of almost fifty degrees centigrade between the harsh winter and the dry, hot summer

**Average rainfall:** Does not exceed 500 litres per year

**Soils:** The soils are composed of calcareous clays, over which lie superficial layers of sandy-clay soil mixed with cobbles. The vineyards from which Naiades is made are located in more-sandy soils, with a superficial layer of cobbles

**Age of the vineyard:** Between 15 and 130 years of age

**Varieties:** Verdejo, Sauvignon Blanc

**Fermentation vats and tanks:** Stainless-steel vats and two French oak tanks with a capacity of 10,000 litres each

**Ageing:** In 100% French oak barrels with a slight and medium char. Barrels with different ages (between 1 and 3 years) and volumes (225, 500 and 600 litres)

**Wines:** K-Naia, S-Naia, Naia, Naiades

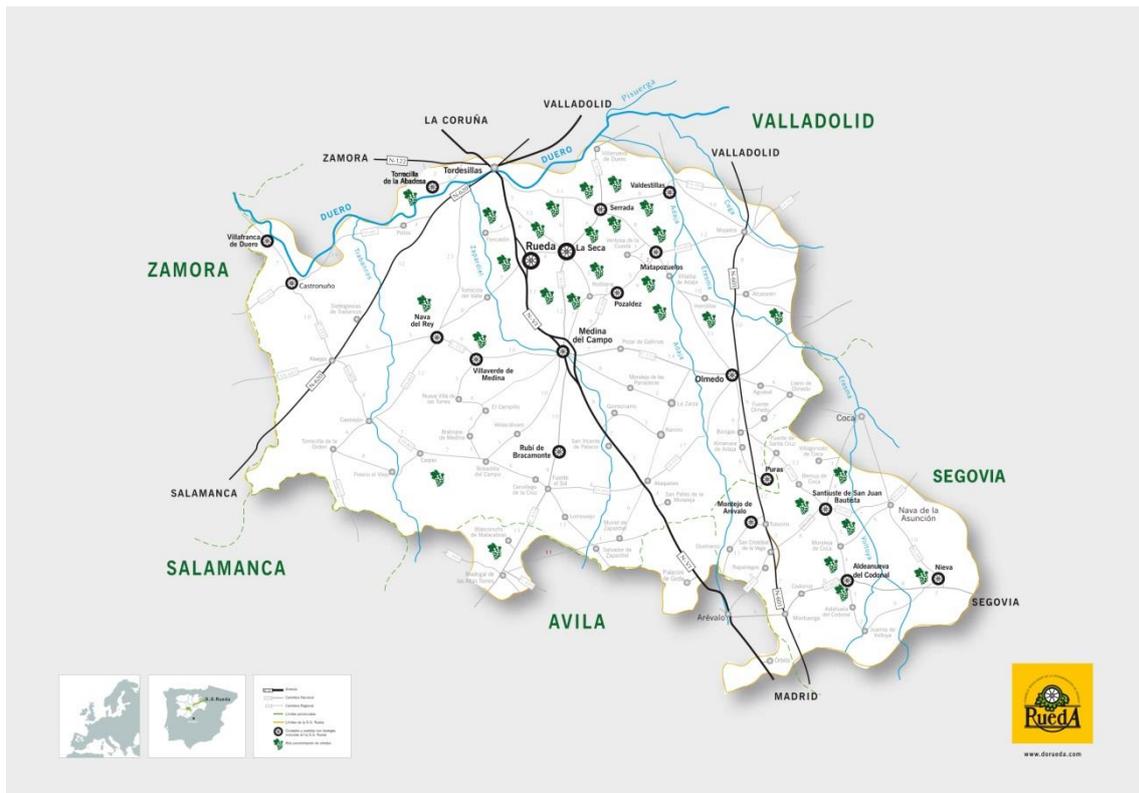
Bodegas Naia was established in La Seca, the birthplace of Verdejo in Rueda, in 2005 with the purpose of extracting the best qualities of the original clone of Verdejo in the D. O. Rueda. Since then, it has based its work on a selection of old, local, gobelet-trained Verdejo vines, and it has always produced wines that express the authenticity of a rigorous work in the vineyard. Precisely, at Bodegas Naia the vineyard is the key element of winemaking.

Naia has become in a very short time a benchmark in the defence of the Verdejo variety, and it reproduces the model of great white wines in the world: fresh wines that are also well structured, tasty and have character.

## AT THE HEART OF RUEDA

The history of the D.O. Rueda is inevitably linked to the Verdejo variety. Its establishment as a Denomination of Origin in 1980 was an enormous acknowledgement to the work that had been done in this variety for years in the region.

In 2002, Bodegas Naia decided to initiate its journey in Rueda by establishing itself in La Seca, a village in the heart of the denomination whose municipality is mostly covered by vineyards and where the exceptional climate conditions, soils and impressive old vineyards make it the perfect place to make some of the best white wines in the world.



Source: dorueda.com

## LANDSCAPE AND CLIMATE

The region of Rueda sits within a continental and Mediterranean area of influence. Due to its altitude (between 700-800 metres above sea level), it suffers extreme seasonal changes of temperature, with a difference of almost fifty degrees centigrade between the harsh winter and the dry, hot summer. In addition, the rainfall is scarce, registering an average annual precipitation that never exceeds 500 litres. These values turn the vines into natural survivors and favour a balance between the alcohol and acidity levels of the Verdejo clusters.



## Soils

The vines from which K-Naia, S-Naia and Naia are produced have been planted in calcareous clays, over which lie layers of sandy-clay soil mixed with cobbles.

Naiades is a wine barrel-aged for 7 months that expresses all the potential from the oldest vines in the region. It is made from centenary vines at 750 metres above sea level that are planted in calcareous-clay soils over which lie layers of sandy-clay soil mixed with cobbles. Another part of the vineyards is located in sandier soils, also with a bed of cobbles on the surface, and at a higher altitude of 800 meters.



### **Absolute respect for the Verdejo variety**

Within the large number of Verdejo clones currently used, Bodegas Naia has chosen to grow the original clone that was employed to make the first wines in the region. The commitment to this local clone has enabled Naia to extract the classic aromas of the Verdejo variety, setting it apart from others that have appeared in the Denomination in the past decades.



The winemaking methods followed by Bodegas Naia are designed to fully maintain the qualities of the grape obtained in the vineyard as well as strengthen all its organoleptic attributes.

### **BODEGA AND WINEMAKING**

The winemaking processes followed in Naia - the Verdejo wine that gives its name to the bodega - and Naiades - the barrel-fermented Verdejo wine grown in pre-phyloxera vineyards - are very representative of the work carried out at the bodega:



## **Naia**

The winemaking process of Naia is based on the search for Verdejo wines that are profoundly varietal and elegant and distinctly full on the palate. This is achieved by means of an exhaustive work in the vineyard.

The vineyards used for making Naia have an age range between 35 and 45. Harvesting is carried out partly using 300 kg crates and partly using 15 kg boxes.

The grapes that arrive at the winery undergo a selection, and once they are processed and de-stemmed, a pre-fermentation cold maceration is carried out for 8 hours. After the pressing and subsequent clearing, the must is raked into vats and wooden tanks.

Most of Naia, 85%, is fermented in stainless-steel vats and 15% in French oak tanks with a capacity of 10,000 litres.

The work carried out using the lees is very important. Once the fermentation has concluded, the wine is aged in its own lees for 4 months in vats and wooden tanks with the aim of improving the structure and density of the wine on the palate.

Next, the wines are blended, and after the wine undergoes a tartaric and protein stabilisation at low temperatures, it is ready for bottling.

## **Naiades**

The vineyard plays a key role in the definition of Naiades. The grapes are grown in small gobelet-trained vineyards, in some cases centenarian, with a very low yield that have been selected for their age and the different soils they are planted in, which vary from sandy through granite to slate soils.

Harvesting is carried out manually using 15 kg boxes. After a first maceration of the entire grape in a cooling chamber, the grape undergoes a selection process, a cold maceration of the de-stemmed grape, a pressing and its fermentation in barrels.



Naiades is a fermented wine aged in French oak barrels with the aim of achieving a suitable balance between the fruit and the wood. A batonnage is carried out during the ageing process to obtain a well-structured wine that is distinctly full on the palate.

## OUR WINES



### **K-Naia**

**Grape Variety:** Verdejo and Sauvignon Blanc

**Average annual production:** 310.000

K-Naia is an alluring wine that is exceptionally refreshing, extroverted and joyous in personality. A touch of Sauvignon Blanc brings out the fruity and vivacious elements of the Verdejo grape with the result being an extremely pleasurable and alluring wine to drink.

### **RATINGS**

#### K-NAIA 2013

GUIA PEÑIN 2015 89 ptos.

ANUARIO DE EL PAÍS 2015 89 ptos.

#### K-NAIA 2012

GUIA PEÑIN 2014 90 ptos.

#### K-NAIA 2011

GUIA PEÑIN 2013 90 ptos.



## **S-Naia**

**Grape Variety:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Average annual production:** 17.000

In Bodegas Naia our Sauvignon Blanc vineyards have after several decades of patience and hard work become perfectly acclimatised to our unique soil and climatic conditions. S-Naia is a lively wine that is bursting with freshness and exuberant floral and tropical fruit aromas. It is tantalizingly flavoursome, crisp and citric, and although it is beautiful by itself, it is a perfect accompaniment to white fish, ceviches, shell fish as well as Nikkei and Asian cuisines.

### S-NAIA 2013

GUIA PEÑIN 2015 89 ptos.

STEPHEN TANZER 89 ptos.

ANUARIO DE EL PAÍS 2015 89 ptos.

## Naia

**Grape variety:** 100% Verdejo

**Aging:** 4 months on the lees

**Average annual production:** 210.000



We are extremely respectful of the classic varietal aromas of the Verdejo grape which Naia is able to perfectly capture in its essence. This is achieved due to an exhaustive and wise management of our vineyards with the result being a wine that can compete with some of the best whites from around the world.

### RATINGS

#### NAIA 2013

WINE ADVOCATE 2014

90 ptos.

GUIA PEÑIN 2015

92 ptos.

STEPHEN TANZER

91 ptos.

ANUARIO DE EL PAÍS 2015

91 ptos.

GUÍA PROENSA 2015

90 ptos.

GUÍA ABC 2015

91 ptos.

## Naiades

**Grape variety:** 100% Verdejo

**Aging:** 7 months on the lees in French oak barriques

**Average annual production:** 19.400

This wine is produced in very limited amounts each year due to the scarcity of grapes that originate from ancient pre-phyloxeric Verdejo vines that are over 100 years old and found in minuscule Sandy plots. It is an outstandingly serious and concentrated wine that is able to fully capture and transmit the maximum expression of the Verdejo grape. Original and cutting edge it has very little to envy when compared to the best whites from anywhere else in the world.



### RATINGS

#### NIADES 2011

GUIA PEÑIN 2015 96 ptos.

STEPHEN TANZER 92 ptos.

#### WINES FROM SPAIN 2014

Elegido "Mejor vino blanco español Premium".

ANUARIO EL PAÍS 2015 93 ptos.

GUÍA ABC 2015 93 ptos.

#### NIADES 2010

GUIA PEÑIN 2014 95 ptos.

"Best rating for a Verdejo wine in Guía Peñin 2014"

STEPHEN TANZER 2014 92 ptos.

#### NIADES 2009

GUIA PEÑIN 2013 94 ptos.

"Verdejo mejor puntuado por la Guía Peñin en 2014"

STEPHEN TANZER 92 ptos.

WINE SPECTATOR 90 ptos.