Bodega Gratias

Wine Name: Terra Varietal: Tardana, orange elaboration Denomination(s): Non-denominated Manchuela Area Country: Spain Region: <u>Casa Ibañez</u>, Manchuela Vineyard Site: Villatoya, Camino Basillas Vineyard Size: Tiny Vine Age: ~70 years Management: Bush-trained, dry-farmed, 1 kg/ plant Farming: Certified ICEA Biodynamic, dryfarmed Elevation: ~800m

Soil Type: White clay/calcareous

The vineyards are north-facing and yield the concentrated fruit and ripe tannins they find ideally suited to this "brisado" wine. Through their work to cultivate- and protect tardana from extinction, the Gratias families discovered that the grape has "hard" skin and found that a lot of character embedded in the skins was left in the skins and lost when the juice was pressed off. To extract more of this potential organoleptic goodness, they decided to macerate for an extended time in tinaja. After maceration in tinajas, the grapes see a gentle vertical press and continue fermentation and aging in the clay jars. The wine is not fined nor cold stabilized and no sulphites are added.

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- Fermentation: Indigenous yeast, artisanal fermentation in tinaja
- Aging: 4 months on the lees in tinaja, unfined and unfiltered no cold-stabilization
- Annual Production: 200 bottles

