Bodega Gratias

Wine Name: Tinaja Varietal: Bobal 100% Denomination(s): Non-denominated Manchuela Area Country: Spain Region: <u>Casa Ibañez</u>, Manchuela Vineyard Site: Serradiel Vineyard Size: Tiny Vine Age: 30-80 years Management: Bush-trained, dry-farmed Farming: Certified ICEA Biodynamic Elevation: ~800m Soil Type: White clay/calcareous, elevated ferric content



Bobal, the second most commonly planted red varietal in Spain, is still vital to the Gratias families' project to preserve varietals indigenous to the Valencian region and they only work with old bush-vines that are dry-farmed in iron rich calcareous soils. To capture the harmony and history of this autochthon and the soil in which it thrives, they elaborate with as little intervention as possible: manual harvest of selected bunches into small picking boxes, directly put intact into small 200L tinajas. After a gentle vertical press, fermentation continues in tinajas through completion of malolactic fermentation after which the wine ages for an additional 4 months in the tinajas. It is bottled without fining agents and is not cold-stabilized: no sulphites are added.

Agriculture & Vinification

Tinaja

- Fermentation: Indigenous yeast, in small 2HL tinaja, partial whole cluster
- Malolactic: pressed to continue malo in tinaja,
- Aging: 4 months on the lees in tinaja, unfined and gently filtered, no coldstabilization
- Annual Production: 470 bottles

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