

LA ZORRA ituero 2018



Grape Variety: 100% Rufete

Winemaking Notes:

A Rufete Monovarietal with all the grapes coming from the El Ituero vineyard (Cristóbal de la Sierra), planted with Rufete in 1930 and at an elevation of 890m. These old vines have a self-regulated production of about ½ kilogram (at most ¾) each. The grapes were vatted in whole bunches, tipped directly from the crates into the vat to avoid mechanical damage. An initial press was used to generate an initial must and kick-start spontaneous alcoholic fermentation.

The wine underwent slow fermentation under controlled a temperature between 18-22°C, where the cap was punched down daily. Before alcoholic fermentation was complete, the wine was devatted and pressed in a vertical press. Alcoholic fermentation was completed in second-use, French barrels. When alcoholic fermentation was complete, the wine was moved back to the vat and after the coarser lees falls to the bottom, the wine was transferred back to the barrel for malolactic fermentation. Finally, the wine was racked once more for clarity and returned to barrels until it was ready to be bottled. This wine is the perfect expression of a specific area, a unique native grape variety, tradition, feelings and family...

Tasting Notes:

Medium intensity red in colour with bluish edges. Clean and bright. Medium intensity in the glass with notes of peanut shell and vegetables. After swirling, it reveals a complex expressiveness. Crisp aromas with notes of mint and tobacco. Exotic, balsamic vinegar. The first sip is agreeable and balanced, while showcasing the acidic character of the variety. Very pleasant on the palate with a well-rounded finish of caramel and toffee. Easy-drinking.

Bottling Date: August 2019.

Production: 1.911 bottles (750ml)

Drink at: 15,5-16°C.

A.B.V.: 14%



Award History:

93 Points James Suckling, July 2019.

92 Points Peñín Wines of Spain Guide, July 2019

93 Points Intervinos Guide, October 2019

Double Gold Vinduero-Vindouro International Competition 2019

92 Points Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) December 2019

94 Points ABC Wine Guide 2020

94 Points Gourmets Guide 2020

92 Points Peñín Wines of Spain Guide, July 2020

Sold in wooden cases of 6 bottles

