

# LA ZORRA

## la novena 2018



**Grape Variety:** 100% Rufete Blanco

### Winemaking Notes:

A monovarietal wine made of Rufete Blanco, a local variety which (for now) doesn't appear in the Vegetable Varieties of Spain Catalogue. Thick skinned and late ripening, it has an unctuous and dense mouthfeel. The grapes come from three terraced vineyards: La Fuente del Laurel (Casas del Conde), Los San Sebastianes (Miranda del Castañar) and Los Helechales (Garcibuey).

Once vatted, the grapes undergo 48 hours of pellicular maceration. This helps to achieve cell wall degradation within the skins, allowing us to extract aromas and polyphenolics from the skin into the fruit pulp. After pressing using an integrated air bladder press within the vat, which avoids oxidation, the must is vatted at 4°C, then racked and put into 500 litre French barrels where it undergoes alcoholic fermentation. After fermentation completes, the wine is left to decant in a vat to remove the heavier lees, then returned to the barrels with the lighter lees for 5 months of aging with batonnage being performed 2-3 times per week.

### Tasting Notes:

A white wine with an amber yellow color and golden edges. Clean and bright. In the glass, expresses medium-high intensity. After swirling, a layered complexity arises, where we can notice aromas of lemon, quince, and orange blossom. Light toasty notes and hints of nuttiness. Dense, voluminous mouthfeel with marked acidity and a slight bitterness in the finish promotes length. This wine is mature and unctuous with a light touch of butter and toasted bread.

**Bottling Date:** Spring 2019.

**Production:** 1,777 bottles (750ml)

**Drink at:** 8-9°C.

**A.B.V.:** 14%

### Award History:

92 Points Intervinos Guide 2019

90 Points James Suckling, July 2019.

91 Points Peñín Wines of Spain Guide, July 2019

92 Points Gourmets Guide 2020

91 Points Intervinos Guide 2020

90 Points Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) December 2019 (2017 vintage)

92 Points Wine Advocate (Robert Parker) December 2019 (2018 vintage)

92 Points Peñín Wines of Spain Guide, July 2020



Sold in wooden cases of 6 bottles.

