



Viñedos Viejos

Varietal Blend: 100% Mencia
Vintage: 2017
D.O.: Bierzo
Winemaker: Jorge Peique
Vineyard: 1,800ft altitude | 70+ years old
Soil: Clay & Sand

TASTING NOTES

Color: Dark ruby purple
Nose: Black fruits aromas with notes of earth, spice and toast
Palate: Full bodied, with a silky mouthfeel revealing dark berries and cassis
Finish: Mineral notes and firm tannins on the finish

ELABORATION

Pre-fermentation maceration: 3 - 5 days at 39-43°F
Alcoholic fermentation: 6 - 10 days
Malolactic fermentation: 5 - 9 days
Aging: 12 months in French oak barrels, then 12 months in bottle

HERITAGE & PHILOSOPHY

The Peique family has deep roots in the village of Valtuille de Abajo, in El Bierzo, where Ramón Peique began making wine in 1912. Today the fourth generation family members Luis, Mar and Jorge are honoring the traditions of their predecessors as both farmers and winemakers, *verdaderos viticultores (true viticulturists)*, and they believe their vineyards in Valtuille perfectly represent the natural environment of El Bierzo. While paying homage to their history they also continue to innovate and explore new concepts and ways of working the vineyards and the winery. The Mencia bush vines are nearly 100 years old and the family is deeply focused on the care and maintenance of their vines and soils with an emphasis on sustainability. The Peique family vineyard is located between 1,500 and 1,900 feet in elevation and is composed of predominately clay based soils which provides the framework to develop fleshy and well-textured reds.

CLIMATE & VINTAGE

Bierzo enjoys the unique climatological blending of moist, cool Atlantic climate from the west and the warm and sunny eastern influence from the plains of Castilla. Ringed by mountains the valley of Bierzo sets up as a perfect location for Mencia to thrive. 2017 was a difficult vintage marked by severe frost and hail in late Spring. The Peique vineyards escaped the worst of the frost and the old vines held up against the hail.



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