

MicroBio Wines, Tenta2 (2018)

Producer	MicroBio Wines
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Supplier/Importer	Selections de la Vina
Category	Wine - Still - White
Grape variety	Verdejo
Region	Castilla y León, Spain
Appellation	Castilla y León
Vintage	2018

Sizes

750 mL x 12 — 17-0906-18



Distributor's notes

100% Verdejo with extended skin contact making an orange wine.

Organically farmed, very old and ungrafted, pre-phylloxera vines grown on calcareous sandy soils at 900m of elevation near Segovia.

Grapes are hand harvested, destemmed, and placed into 320L amphora where they first go through a cold maceration for several days until the native yeasts adapt to the environment and the magic of fermentation begins!

The next phase is carbonic maceration, where the grapes begin breaking little by little generating CO2, which Ismael believes is the natural protector of this wine-must, and after almost 5 weeks of slow fermentation, the process is finally complete.

The wine goes on to age for 6 months together with the skins, 50% of the skins are partially pressed and this pressed wine is added back to the amphora. This then ages for 11 months on the fine lees and no bâtonnage. Bottled unfined, unfiltered, and with zero SO2.

About the producer

Welcome to the República Independiente del Verdejo under President Ismael Gozalo. Many know him for his work at Ossian, one of the more respectable houses in Rueda, where he was the winegrower and maker since founding it in 2004. Ismael's family owns some of the oldest (between 100-200 years old) ungrafted pre-phylloxera vines, most of which in the town of Nieva, province of Segovia. Characterized by its sandy soils, these head trained vines never saw any chemicals over the different generations that cared for them. Though outside of the D.O. for never budging to the region's modern and manipulative techniques, to this day Ossian remains one of the few organic producers in Rueda. Today, under the Pago de Carraovejas umbrella, Ossian continues to make some of the more interesting wines of the region but Ismael took his talent elsewhere, bringing his family's most prized vineyards with him.

Microbio (Micro-Bio or Microbio, depending on how you look at it) was actually founded by Ismael in 1998 before Ossian even existed but it wasn't until he left that we was able to employ his heart and soul into his solo project. Coined by some as "El Mago de las Verdejos", he practices his sorcery in his medieval underground cellar located in his native town of Nieva. Barrels, fudres, anforas, damejeannes, stainless...young, old, skin contact, sparkling, biological and oxidative aging...you name it, he's got it. Tasting in his cellar for a whole day and part of the next morning was a helluva ride, as soon as you think you've seen it all, he somehow finds a way to exceed your expectations. How Verdejo picked so ripe can still preserve such freshness and acidity is something only he can tell.

In addition to Verdejo, he works with Mencía from Bierzo, Garnacha from Gredos, and Rufete from Sierra de

Salamanca. With Microbio, he's able to express himself to the fullest and all of his wines, whether red or white, represent him and they're region to the fullest with purity being the common denominator throughout. He lets the land speak through his wines, pure fermented grape juice without interference of any kind.
