

MicroBio Wines, La Resistencia Activa Contra El Marques Ancestral Castilla y León (2018)

Producer	MicroBio Wines
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Supplier/Importer	Selections de la Viña
Category	Wine - Sparkling - White
Grape variety	Verdejo
Region	Castilla y León, Spain
Appellation	Castilla y León
Features	Organic, Biodynamic
Vintage	2018
Alcohol by volume	12.8%

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — 19-0491-18



Distributor's notes

Ismael's family has been grape growers in Nieva, around Segovia, for many generations and they often sell off some of their grapes to other big wineries that purchase local fruit.

This is the petnat version, there is also a still version, that both came about in 2018 when the famous Marqués de Riscal winery bailed on their contract to buy grapes right before the harvest.

With no room in his cellar for more fruit, Ismael was forced to rehabilitate his family's abandoned centennial cellar to make both of these wines. Coming from a later harvest given the circumstances, both of them fermented in tinajas. The first was bottled half way through fermentation to make a pet nat and the second was fermented dry and aged for about a year. Both bottled unfined, unfiltered, and with zero SO2.

About the product

Tasting Notes : White, Natural, Sparkling, Fresh and crispy.

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 Mencia 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.
