

MicroBio Wines, Fragil Vino de la Tierra Castilla y León Verdejo (2018)

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

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — 17-0907-18



Distributor's notes

As Ismael states about it: "100% Verdejo wine, 100% vineyard in glass, 100% pre-phylloxera, 100% harmonic cultivation, 100% crystalline, that is, 100% natural without added sulfites."

Very old(pre-phylloxera) vines of Verdejo, farmed organically on calcareous sandy soils and hand harvested near Segovia. As the label implies, fermentation takes place in 16L glass demijohns lasting a few months due to the low temperatures in his underground cellar. The low fermentation temperature (a constant 13 degrees) means that the primary aromas are not lost during the process. The use of glass also gives the wine a natural protection without the need to use SO2. Bottled unfined, unfiltered, and zero SO2. It is a duality - delicate, subtle, and sharp. A wine with a lot of Verdejo varietal character and a very unique project!

Total cases produced: 30 and 3 Magnums.

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 it's 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.
