

MicroBio Wines, Verdejo Litrona (2021)

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
Features	Organic, No sulfites added
Vintage	2021



Sizes

1 L x 12 — SLV21-0060-21

Distributor's notes

This is the second release of Litrona with our favorite Verdejo master, MicroBio. Grapes are 150+ years old, organically grown, hand harvested, fermented in clay amphora and aged in stainless steel tanks for about 3 months to preserve its young and fresh profile. Bottled unfiltered without sulphites, unfined and unfiltered. Light-bodied, and meant to drank fast! Not too fruity actually, super easy going.

The wines of Rueda have often been referred to as piña colada due to their tropical taste resulting from the use of the same commercial yeast strains in the region. Ismael Gozalo, on the other hand, is the anti-Rueda regardless of being located in Rueda. He is a citizen of the independent republic of Verdejo where his super old, ungrafted, pre-phylloxera vines are king. For those looking for piña colada, all we can offer is the label.

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.