



BICHI

LISTAN URUAPAN 2021

ORIGIN

Tecate, Baja California, Mexico.

VARIETIES

100% Listán Prieto, also known as Misión or País.

VINEYARD

From a 25-year-old vineyard in Tecate. The vines are at 250m and planted on sandy-loam soils.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were destemmed by hand and fermented with their skins in concrete lagar for 25 days before pressing with a basket press into stainless steel tank to rest over the winter. Bottled in the spring with a tiny addition of sulfur.

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 12.5%
Total Sulfites: 1ppm added.
Bottles Made: 3,300



PRODUCER PROFILE

Bichi was founded in 2014 by the Téllez family, who moved to Baja from neighboring Sonora (the name Bichi means “naked” in the Sonoran Yaqui dialect). Louis-Antoine Luyt worked with Bichi until 2017, and Noel Téllez is now sole owner, operating the winery with the assistance of Beaujolais-trained Yann Rohel. From finding these almost forgotten heritage vineyards, to day-to-day relationships with local farmers and fabrication of their concrete tinajas, Noel has brought Bichi Wines into the upper echelons of natural Mexican winegrowing. Bichi adheres to traditional methods and minimal intervention, farming 10 hectares of their own Tecate vineyards biodynamically and collaborates with a growing family of organic farmers working vineyard land in Tecate and around San Antonio de las Minas (Valle de Guadalupe).

VINTAGE REPORT

2021 was a much better year in Baja than the last few, and this vineyard has a generally cooler climate due to its position and its relative proximity to the Pacific. As a result, production level and quality was very high.