



BICHI

AZUL EL HÉROE 2020

ORIGIN

Valle de Guadalupe, Baja California, Mexico.

VARIETIES

100% Garnacha Tinta.

VINEYARD

From a vineyard planted on sandy loam and clay soils at 320m, near the Pacific Ocean.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were harvested by hand at the end of August, then deposited in sealed stainless-steel tanks for carbonic maceration with no temperature control for 25 days. Then pressed with a vertical press into stainless-steel to rest before bottling without added SO₂.

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 12.5%

Sulfites: None Added

Bottles Produced: 2600

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

Noel was very pleased with this vintage in this vineyard in the Valle de Guadalupe. There was less heat, some rain, and the grapes ripened evenly and were harvested at full ripeness. Previous years had seen severe drought, heat waves, and spikes in sugars – so this was a welcome break.