



BICHI

EL PANCHO 2021

ORIGIN

Tecate, Baja California, Mexico.

VARIETIES

90% Carignan, 10% Mission.

VINEYARD

From an 85-year-old vineyard in Cerro del Cuchumá, Tecate. The vines are at 750m and planted on clay-loam soils.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were destemmed by hand, then fermented without temperature control in concrete tinajas with 30 days of maceration on the skins, then pressed with a hydraulic basket press to rest in stainless steel tank.

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 12.5%
Total Sulfites: None added.
Bottles Made: 1400.

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, with more rain and an easier ripening. The grapes were very healthy.