

José Pastor Selections

IMPORTER OF FINE IBERIAN WINES

Growers Florencio Labrador & Envínate

Region Tenerife, Canary Islands

Locality La Orotava

Climate Atlantic

Varieties 100% Listan Blanco

Soil Black volcanic sand

Elevation 600 meters

Vine Age 100 years

Pruning Cordon Trenzado

Farming Practicing organic

Production 550 cases

Envínate

Palo Blanco 2016



Envínate (“wine yourself”) is the brainchild of Laura Ramos, Jose Martínez, Roberto Santana and Alfonso Torrente, four friends who met while studying winegrowing at the University of Miguel Hernández in Alicante. Their work, both in the vineyard and winery, is focused on exploring the ancient, Atlantic-infused terruños of Ribeira Sacra and the Canary Islands, as well as exceptional vineyard plots across the Iberian Peninsula. The Envínate philosophy is simple: allow each parcel to fully express itself in the finished wine by utilizing old-fashioned farming and winemaking methods. The results are some of the most exciting wines being produced in Spain today.

This newest Envínate wine is from just outside **La Orotava**, on the northeast slopes of Pico del Teide, the mountain volcano on the island of **Tenerife**. The viticulture is very old-fashioned: the vines grow untrained, the soil is worked by hand, and no chemicals are used. The island experiences a fairly temperate climate, enabling grapes to ripen at moderate alcohol levels while retaining bright acidity. The main challenges to viticulture are winds from the Atlantic and Africa and fluctuations in humidity.

Palo Blanco is sourced from a 1.5ha vineyard of centenarian *cordon trenzado* (braided vines) **Listan Blanco**, and is named for the area where it’s planted. The grapes are hand-harvested, pressed full cluster into large concrete tank off the skins and fermented without malolactic occurring, then raised in two Friulian 2500L oval foudres for 10 months. Bottling is without fining, filtration or any added SO₂. Palo Blanco is a volcanic island wine: high-toned, linear, saline and electric.