



# ENVÍNATE

## BENJE BLANCO 2020

### ORIGIN

Santiago del Teide, Tenerife, Canary Islands.

### VARIETIES

100% Listán Blanco.

### VINEYARD

From several parcels of 70–120-year-old vines at 75–300m elevation farmed by Envínate and 15 local families. Viticulture here is highly traditional: vines grow untrained, the soils is worked by hand, and no chemicals are used.

### VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes are harvested by hand and ferment with native yeasts and without temperature controls in a mix of old French oak foudre (20%) and concrete tank (80%) with about 12–20 hours of skin contact. About 40% of the wine develops and ages under flor and 100% completes malolactic fermentation.



### PRODUCER PROFILE

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: let each parcel fully express itself in the finished wine by utilizing old-fashioned farming and winemaking methods. This newest Envínate wine is from just outside **Santiago del Teide**, high on the volcanic mountain Pico de Teide, overlooking the northwestern side of the island of Tenerife. 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.

### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2020 vintage was, like the 2019 vintage, hot and dry, especially during the summer. Hot temperatures and a lack of moisture necessitated extensive green harvesting and also an earlier-than-ever harvest in mid-August.