



ENVÍNATE

BENJE BLANCO 2022

ORIGIN

Santiago del Teide, Tenerife, Canary Islands.

VARIETIES

100% Listán Blanco.

VINEYARD

From several parcels of 70–110-year-old vines at 900–1200m 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, destemmed and rested on their skins for 12–24 hours. The grapes were then pressed and fermented with native yeasts and without temperature controls by parcel in concrete vessels. After fermentation, the wine rested on its lees in a mix of used French oak vessels (30%) and two concrete tanks (70%). One of the concrete tanks developed a veil of flor (~30% of the wine aged under flor), and all of the wine underwent spontaneous malolactic fermentation. Bottled without fining, filtering and with only a tiny addition of sulfur.



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 2022 vintage was notably mild in Santiago del Teide. Rainfall was slightly higher than average and helpfully concentrated in the spring, which aided plants in producing the important leaf cover to protect the bunches, a necessity in this high-altitude area. While the summer days were hot, the diurnal shift was high and cool nights helped ensure a very good vintage in terms of quality and quantity.