

# José Pastor Selections

IMPORTER OF FINE IBERIAN WINES

**Grower** Gutierrez de la Vega

**Appellation** VdT Alicante

**Subzone/Locality** Marina Alta

**Climate** Mediterranean

**Varieties** Giró (Garnacha)

**Soil** Clay-calcareous

**Elevation** 600 meters

**Vine Age** 80 years

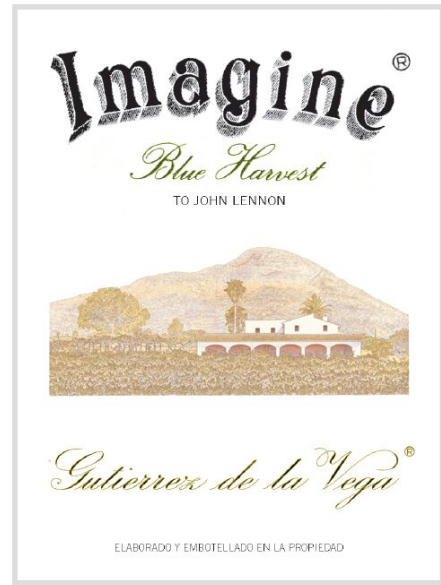
**Pruning** En Vaso (Gobelet)

**Farming** Practicing organic

**Production** 100 cases

**Gutierrez de la Vega**

*Imagine 2012*



Since 1978, **Felipe & Pilar Gutierrez de la Vega** have championed traditional winemaking in the sun-soaked region of Alicante. Inspired by the historical wine styles of their area, the couple produce a diverse range of 14 wines, from dry to sweet, in their 19th century bodega and pay tribute to the novels, writers and composers which inspire their “*vinos de autor*” cuvées. The Gutierrez de la Vega family has brought a truly singular approach to fine winemaking in their region.

The bodega is located in the small mountain town of **Parcent**, very close to the Mediterranean Sea on the Alicante coast. The estate vineyards are here in the **Marina Alta**, and they also work with vineyards in the **Sierra de Salinas** mountains higher inland. The hot summer days and cool nights of these coastal mountains are perfectly suited for the long growing season of Monastrell and the other indigenous varieties grown here.

**Imagine** is Gutierrez de la Vega’s most profound dry red wine from one of the most picturesque vineyards in the Sierra del Ferrer, Marina Alta. It is comprised of 100% **Giró**, the local clone of Garnacha, from 80 year old vines planted on clay-calcareous soils at 600 meters elevation facing to the north. The grapes were manually harvested, destemmed, and fermented with natural yeasts in open top barrels without pressing - only free-run juice was used for the cuvee - then the wine spent 3 years in barrels and a further 1 year in bottle before release. One of most elegant and fine Mediterranean wine we’ve ever had.