



BIEN DE ALTURA IKEWEN 2020

ORIGIN

San Mateo, Gran Canaria, Canary Islands.

VARIETIES

Listán Negro and Listán Prieto with a small amount of white varieties that are coplanted in these old vineyards.

VINEYARD

From multiple parcels of 80-100-year-old vines in the La lechuzilla, Camaretas and Cueva Frande areas, some of the highest elevation vines in Gran Canaria at 1200m-1460m. The soils are volcanic basalt clays.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were partially destemmed by hand (~30%) and fermented with temperature control in stainless steel for 45 days with their skins without pump overs. The wine rested in the same vessel for 9 months

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 12%

pH: 3.31

Total Sulfur: <25mg/l

Bottles Made: 5500 750ml & 100 1500ml bottles.



PRODUCER PROFILE

A native to the Canary Islands, Carmelo Peña Santana worked in Chile, the Douro, and Bierzo before settling back in his native Gran Canaria and starting his personal project Bien de Altura. His goals are to contribute to the recovery of abandoned vineyards in his area, to respect the terrain and work in an ecological and biodynamic way, and interpret the land, focusing on making the best possible wine that can come from each plot. To this end, everything is worked in a very artisanal way in the cellar: native yeasts, de-stemming by hand, and judicious use of SO₂; temperature control is employed for some wines and long macerations with little extraction are preferred. The wines are not clarified or filtered, and all work is done manually, from harvesting, bottling, labeling, etc. Gran Canaria has a wild, various landscape peaked by Pico de las Nieves at 1949m elevation. The climate is largely arid, with moderate temperatures and low precipitation. Carmelo focuses on the upper area of San Mateo just northeast of the peak, working with old vineyards at 1200m altitude and higher.

VINTAGE REPORT

2020 was dry and warm all over Tenerife, with a somewhat normal winter, a dry spring, and hot, low-humidity summer. The plots for this wine were harvested on August 11, far sooner than is normal in the area.