LLAURADOR WINES
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VERA DE ESTENAS

TARDANA

ORIGIN

Utiel, Valencia, Spain

VARIETIES

100% Tardana

VINEYARD

From organically farmed, en vaso-trained vines that average 50 years of age, planted on calcareous clay soils in the heart of the Utiel-Requena D.O.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were destemmed and pressed to ferment in concrete tanks. After primary fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and aging in concrete and clay tinaja before bottling with a small dose of SO2.

PRODUCER PROFILE

Founded in 1945 by Francisco Martinez Bermell, Vera de Estenas has been crafting wines from their 47 hectares of estate fruit since their inception. Situated at 800m elevation near the mouth of the Estenas river near the foot of the Sierra del Remedio mountains, their en vaso trained vineyards run northwest to southeast along a broad swath of calcareous clay soils. Summer brings scorching heat, but a cooling wind called the Solano brings relief, and nighttime temperatures can drop substantially due to the high elevation, helping to preserve acidity in the grapes. Under the current leadership of Felix Martinez, Vera de Estenas is producing some of the region's most compelling wines from Bobal vines as old as 100 years. The Tardana grape variety is another native of this region, more recently for winemaking but originally as a table grape for general consumption. White wines make up less than 6% of Utiel-Requena production, but Tardana is well suited to this climate, ripening slowly to produce a wine of singular character representing this high mountain valley D.O.