PARAJES DEL VALLE
MONASTRELL

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From the organic, old-vine Monastrell grapes in Spain's Jumilla DOP. Maintained from the old system of *"Terraje"*. The climate is continental influenced by the Mediterranean. The vineyard is approximately 200 acres, between 600-700 meters above sea level. The soil is stony with high limestone content. The vines are 20-40 years-old. Organic and sustainable viticulture and farming. The grapes are harvested by hand. Natural fermentation for one week in temperature controlled cement tanks.

Since the beginning of its creation, the winery has focused its efforts on preservation of the *"Terraje"* farming system, whereby landholders rent their vineyard to farmers who take care of the good quality of the vines and give back 7% of the production to the land owner. While nearly all of the 80-90 year-old vines in Jumilla are currently farmed in this manner, the future is less certain as many landowners are advancing changes that would increase the productivity of the vines. Parajes del Valle is committed to keeping the *"Terraje"* farming system preserved, ensuring the higher quality old vine fruit and higher pay for those tending the vines. The magic of these wines comes from young Winemaker Maria Jover Sanchez, who honed her craft at Vega Sicilia before she returned to her native Levante, and with Parajes del Valle produces wonderfully fresh wines.

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