PARAJES DEL VALLE MANCHUELA BOBAL ROSADO

100% Bobal, 40-50-year-old-vines. Intense strawberry color. Elegant aromas of strawberry, raspberry, plum, florals and forest herbs. Pure, vibrant acidity, and a firm and creamy texture. Flavors of red berries and citrus. Nice, bitter cherry skin note on the long, pleasant finish. Clean, juicy and dry. Organic.

From organic grapes grown amongst the castles and rolling hills in Manchuela, in the eastern part of Castilla La Mancha, Spain. From vineyards from 40-50 years old at 850m altitude. Dry farming. Extreme continental climate, with large daytime ranges (+68°F). Grapes are hand-harvested then carefully selected at the winery. Direct pressing is carried out with no maceration. Spontaneous fermentation with wild native yeasts. Fermented in 25000 kg deposits in concrete for 15 days. Minimal sulphur added after fermentation. The wine is kept in concrete tanks until bottling.

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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