

# MOLINO REAL SIERRAS DE MÁLAGA



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Sourced from La Esparraguera, Fogarate, and La Loma, steep sites grown in polyculture on slate slopes from 500-1000m elevation in the Sierras de Málaga DO, Andalucía, Spain. The vines were planted from 1974 to 1984. The soil is slate. The grapes are harvested by hand. Pressed traditionally using olive oil presses and esparto mats. The wine is fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks. Aged for 9 months.

Founded by Telmo Rodríguez and Pablo Eguzkiza in 1994, they were inspired by the remote and forgotten landscapes of Spain. They knew that great wines had been made throughout rural Spain in the past, but in the early nineties, few had the vision required to imagine those forgotten regions and varieties could rise again. Most everyone was busy crafting cheap, anonymous wines with international varieties. Not Telmo and Pablo. They knew better from their formative winemaking experiences in France to trust in indigenous varieties and look for inspiration in old vineyards. They spent a lot of time reading old books, picking up hints of where and how the historic wines of Spain were made. In the course of their research, they came across the "Mountain Wines" of Málaga, once a favorite wine of the English. Less famous than Sherry, the wines of Málaga were at a substantial disadvantage, commercially speaking, from their Andalusian neighbors. The wines were made in a rugged, mountainous inland area, rather than right by a major port. As such, the wines eventually simply faded into obscurity after phylloxera, yet Telmo and Pablo were determined to recover the former glory of Málaga's mountain wines. Thus, Molino Real was born in 1996.

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## *Tasting Note:*

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## *Shelf Talker:*



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