

La Mancha





Within the region of Castilla-La-Mancha where you find the medieval cities of Toledo and Cuenca, La Mancha is the largest delimited wine growing area in Europe. Bodega Martinez Saez is an independent, family-owned, multi-generation grape, olive and almond farm, with a winery build in 2001. Here in the village of Villarrobledo in the heart of Castilla-La-Mancha, you find high altitude, and lots of sun and wind. The property of 500 hectares covers about 120 hectares of vines, mostly planted to Macabeo, Viura and Tempranillo, and sits atop a natural aquifer. *They make about 50,000 cases of wine in total.

Low yield, early harvest and organic practices (no herbicide, native yeast, low sulfur) lead for a beautifully concentrated but also earthy and elegant Macabeo. Our MTW team stopped by in late November 2021 and we talked through a number of tanks, looking for the rawest, most 'crunchy' unadulterated style. There is a tendency of heavy filtration and clarification in this area, and working together we were able to urge our dear new friends to avoid such practices. It's wonderful that they understand the harm of chemicals in the vineyards and now we look for less touch, more nature, in the winery.

Rocio Granado Herrera is starting her career in wine. A student of oenology at the University of Cadiz, Rocio is following in her father's footsteps, working side by side at this bodega. She had just passed her B1 and B2 exams when we met. We see a bright future for her in wine!

Size: 750ml

DO: La Mancha

Soil Type: Sandy Loam and Limestone

Varieties: 100% Macabeo Age of Vines: 15-20 years Farming: Sustainable: HVE 3

Yield: 55 hl/ha Alcohol: 12.5%

Barrel Details: Stainless Steel

