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Marenas Viñedo & Bodega, Bajo Velo (2018)

Producer	Marenas Viñedo & Bodega
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Supplier/Importer	Selections de la Viña
Category	Wine - Still - White
Grape variety	Pedro Ximénez
Region	Andalucía, Spain
Appellation	Montilla-Moriles
Vintage	2018

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — SLV20-0493-18



Distributor's notes

Pedro Ximénez, planted in 2016 on the Cerro Encinas farm, at 350 meters of altitude in Montilla, (Córdoba). To say that everything is done naturally by hand by José Miguel Márquez is an understatement. The grapes are grown organically, hand harvested and spontaneously fermented with skin contact in very old neutral casks. The wine goes on in stainless tank to age for an additional 2 years "bajo velo" under a layer of flor much like you would find in dry sherry. Bottled unfiltered, unfiltered, and with zero SO2. The wine is deeply amber hued, layered with complexity, and some notes of oxidation. Only 2000 bottles produced.

About the producer

José Miguel Márquez is on a mission to recover the old winemaking traditions of his native town Montilla in Cordoba. As an aficionado of everything natural, genuine, and authentic, he makes sure his vineyards and wines are treated with the same care and respect they deserve. Nothing but fermented juices extracted from the different varieties of grapes, without filtrations or additives of any type. Result being natural wines expressive of their land and climate.

As with most winemakers, his life revolves around each harvest but it's the passion and dedication he lives them with that set José Miguel apart. It's as if his wines were his children and each one of their personalities a product of that vintage. He's actually named wines from certain vintages after his daughters or nephews. It's no surprise that when he sold his first bottle of wine, he felt like he was shipping one of his kids off to boarding school.

Although one of the youngest producers in the region, he is making some of the most exciting wines using traditional grapes like Pedro Ximenez and recovering other indigenous varieties like Montepila amongst many other projects that are in the works. We'll leave that for him to tell but I can guarantee he will be putting out some bad ass wines in the upcoming years.
