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## Marenas Viñedo & Bodega, Córdoba Blanco Montepilas (2018)

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

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### Sizes

750 mL x 12 — 17-0063-18



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### Distributor's notes

This is one of the few rare Montepilas wines on the market - a grape you hardly see out of the south of Spain if even there. José Miguel recovered the vines in 1998 which are a indigenous thick grape varietal from Montilla with hard skin and hull, which aids in the very long and sunny growing cycle. After all it is grown in one of the hottest and sunny regions, these grapes are usually harvested in late September or early October. By that time they have fully matured and turned almost pink on the vine, giving the grape must that orange hue.

This plot was planted in 1998 & 2016 at an elevation of 350m on a combination of albariza and sandy soils. Organically farmed, hand harvested the grapes are direct to press in stainless steel with whole cluster and fermented with native yeasts. The wine rests for a few months longer in the same stainless tanks until being bottled unfiltered, unfiltered and with zero SO2. As natural as natural can be. Only 6,000 bottles produced.

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### 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.

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