

## Bodega Cueva by Mariano, Utiel-Requena Tardana (2019)

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Producer	Bodega Cueva by Mariano
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Supplier/Importer	Selections de la Viña
Category	Wine - Still - White
Grape variety	Tardana
Region	Valencia, Spain
Appellation	Utiel-Requena
Vintage	2019
Alcohol by volume	12.0%

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### Sizes

**750 mL × 12 — SLV20-0663-19**



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### Distributor's notes

It doesn't get much more old school than Bodegas Cueva. Founded in 2000, yet the original winery is from the 18th century, and not much has changed since then. Mariano Taberner Navarro knows his land intricately and in an almost mystical way translates the Mediterranean essence through his grapes. One of the first to be certified organic (by the Comité de Agricultura Ecológica de la Comunidad Valenciana) he is committed to biodiversity and the health of his vineyards.

Tardana, a local grape to the Valencia region, is in the process of disappearing. There are only a few plots between Cilanco and Villatoya. When ripening happens very late in the year, the risk of hail is greater and many winegrowers abandon their crop entirely. Mariano is one of the few people bottling a single-varietal, much less, natural style.

Selected from parcels within 10ha of estate vineyards + purchased fruit from organic growers on sandy-calcareous soils at an elevation of 600-700m. Vines are on average 35 years old. Farming is certified organic, harvested by hand, gently pressed and cool temperatures while fermenting, with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks. The wine ages a few short months in stainless tanks before being bottle unfined, unfiltered, and zero SO2. The wine is a hazy light peach color, with soft floral aromatics, and incredibly light and low ABV. Delightful!

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