

TARIMA SPARKLING 2022

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BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS RAFA CAÑIZARES Bodegas Y Viñedos Rafa Cañizares celebrates traditional Spanish wine culture by showcasing its variety, depth and unique terroirs. We concentrate on cultivating Spanish indigenous varieties such as Monastrell, Tempranillo, Merseguera, Macabeo and Moscatel from the regions of La Mancha, Alicante, Valencia, Jumilla and Almansa – each wine telling the unique story of these regions.

Bodegas Y Viñedos Rafa Cañizares was founded in 2004 by fourth generation winemaker, Rafael Cañizares, who was instrumental in the Spanish wine boom of the 1990's. Today, he produces wine under different labels from a variety of DO's. He is passing his winemaking philosophy of diversity, uniqueness and tradition while focusing on quality fruit and minimal intervention to the next generation of the family.

The Tarima estate vineyard is situated between the Sierra de Salinas, Sierra de Umbria and Sierra de La Sima at an altitude of 600 to 750 metres above sea level. The 20 hectare vineyard was planted 50 years ago and the vines are grown under natural conditions on Calcareous soil, resulting in very low yields with great intensity.

APPELLATION: D.O. Alicante

GRAPE VARIETAL: Moscatel & Merseguera

VITICULTURE: The vines for this wine are grown naturally on chalky soils at high altitudes with wide diurnal temperature shifts, resulting in balanced ripeness and acidity.

ALTITUDE: 1,700-1,800 ft.

SOILS: The soil is dry and shallow, and is primarily composed of limestone, which is the mother rock. The soil is intermixed with large chunks of pure chalk. The largest marble quarry in Europe is located near our vineyards, testament to the chalky quality of the soils. Marble is the product of chalk, or calcium carbonate, that has been compressed over a very long period of time.

CLIMATE: Mediterranean with high altitude influence. A very unique microclimate that is the result of the convergence of the three previously mentioned mountain ranges, combined with the high altitudes, that are unique to this sub-region of Alicante. These high altitudes provide wide diurnal temperature shifts, allowing for a more balanced ripening of the Monastrell grapes.

HARVEST: This vintage classified as excellent. Characterized by drought for yet another year, although the summer has been milder than normal and some pertinent rains in spring have resulted in a long maturation that has produced grapes of the highest quality. Harvest at the end of August.

VINEYARD: The Tarima vineyards are located between Sierra de Salinas, Sierra de Umbría and Sierra de La Sima, at an altitude of 1,700-1,800 feet above sea level. Thew vines grow under natural conditions in calcareous soils that are very poor in organic matter, thus giving naturally very low yields.

PREPARATION: Gran Vas Method (Charmat method). Must fermentation in pressurized tank under rigorous temperature control.

TASTING NOTES: Floral and fruity notes, slightly sweet, good minerality under the fruit, with a fine and persistent bubble. Drink as an aperitif or with a simple fruit dessert.

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> **ANALYTICAL DATA** Alcohol: 7%



WINEMAKER Rafael Cañizares