



# Bodegaverde

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Country</u>                 | Spain             |
| <u>Region</u>                  | Aragon            |
| <u>Appellation(s)</u>          | Cariñena          |
| <u>Producer</u>                | Bodega San Valero |
| <u>Year Founded</u>            | 1944              |
| <u>Annual Production Total</u> | 10,000 cases      |
| <u>Farming</u>                 | Certified Organic |
| <u>Harvest Method</u>          | Manual            |
| <u>Total Estate Size</u>       | 175 ha            |



In 2010, Bodega San Valero (the oldest winery in Cariñena, and the third oldest in all of Spain), embarked on a journey toward growing certified organic wines in the parched, stony, high desert of Aragon. In partnership with a small family vineyard, which had been working organically for years, the winery acquired several parcels of old vine garnacha, syrah, and macabeo to produce Bodegaverde, wines that capture the slate terroir of Aragon and pay tribute to the nearly 150 years of viticultural tradition in the region. Here, at 850 meters elevation, the severe climate, and arid soils yield grapes of true ripeness and complexity.

In the vineyards all the work and harvest are done by hand, and the use of chemical treatments is replaced with holistic practices, such as relying on the arrival of seasonal ladybugs in the vines who help keep down the population of more insidious pests. Bodegaverde goes further in recognizing this interconnectivity of nature by putting images of ladybugs and bees on their labels. The bee appropriately graces the label of their honey-tinged, rich macabeo.

Bodegaverde’s commitment to sustainability even carries over to their packaging. Their labels are printed on rice-based, recycled paper which is affixed with vegetable glue, and the corks are made from biodegradable material. Bonhomie is excited to welcome these wines as the newest additions to our portfolio.

| <u>Wine</u>                     | <u>Blend</u>            | <u>Vine Age</u> | <u>Soil</u>          | <u>Production</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2020 Bodegaverde Macabeo        | 100% macabeo            | 30+ years       | stony sand and slate | 3,000 cases       |
| 2019 Bodegaverde Garnacha/Syrah | 85% garnacha, 15% syrah | 30+ years       | stony sand and slate | 7,000 cases       |

**Bodegaverde Macabeo** - 2020; Selection of 100% macabeo from certified organic vineyards, harvested the last week of August after dark to preserve freshness. Cold maceration at controlled temperature for six hours. Free run juice is fermented in stainless steel followed by 21 days of aging on lees. After several months of natural settling, the wine is bottled and further aged for a year before release.

**Bodegaverde Garnacha/Syrah** - 2019; Selection of 85% garnacha, and 15% syrah from certified organic vineyards. Harvest began the final week of September and ended in November. Traditional maceration with daily pump-over, and 20 day fermentation in temperature control tanks. After several months of natural settling, the wine is bottled and further aged for a year before release.