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LOCATION

Castilla y León, España.
(*Rueda*)
12 hectares. 600 meters.



ESTATE

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WINEMAKER

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ENOLOGIST

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ENVIRO-COMMITMENT

Hand-harvested.
No irrigation.
Solar energy.



ESTATE PRODUCTION

3,000 cases.



PARTNERSHIP

Martina has been part of the Small
Vineyards family since 2008.

According to the Michelin guide, the best white wine from Spain is made by Martina's mother, Victoria, under their famous estate name, Jose Pariente. Recently graduated with her degree in agronomy, Martina is now formally studying enology, and making her own wine with mama. World renowned for their Verdejo, Martina is taking their estate to new heights, using extreme methods such as harvesting grapes at night (wearing miner's hats!) and cooling down the fruit and locking in aromatics, with heavier-than-air nitrogen, that is blasted over the freshly picked grapes. The result, a stunning achievement that defies the continental heat of central Spain. Famously, the country is shaped like a large table top – high altitude in the middle, and drops off at the edges. In the center, where Rueda is (NW of Madrid), one is forgiven if he is mystified as to how bracing, crystalline white wines could be produced here. After all, it's 100 degrees all summer long. The answer is, the long, cool nights, where temperatures drop like a heavy blanket on the continental shelf. This makes possible Martina's striking wines – particularly their most alluring feature – the nose. The aromas are pungent, green and taut, with persistent quince, kumquat, lychee, jalapeño, cactus and the deepest bramble character – it is peaked and intense from the first furious sip to the very long, pure finish. Hers are complete wines, an expression with no rules or fences to close it in, or soften the edges. We believe that these are easily some of the finest white wines from Spain, and in fact, rival virtually any un-oaked white wine from Europe. We feel incredibly fortunate to bring these wines to you, and once you take your first sip, you'll know why.

