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Cáreo 2023
Verónica Ortega - 75 cl.



Cáreo is the newest “vino de paraje” from Verónica. This time it comes from a parcel of just under one hectare in San Juan de la Mata in the north of Bierzo. The vineyard is located at 650 m altitude and has limestone soils, very rare in this region. The vines date back to 1917. Mainly Mencía (90%), complemented by Palomino, Godello and Doña Blanca. This is a fine example of a Blouge wine, a contraction of blanc and rouge. The only Mencía from limestone soils in our portfolio.

Vinification
Fermentation with the vineyard’s natural yeasts, 80% with whole clusters in a large 3400-litre wooden foudre. Red and white grapes macerate and ferment together for nearly 6 weeks, resulting in a wine positioned between a white and a light red. Ageing for 11 months in 300-litre French oak, followed by a further 4 months in large 800-litre amphorae.

Storage potential
Drink as from : 2025
Best moment : 2026-2028
Until : 2033

To serve
Serve in a Burgundy glass.

Trial analysis
Light in colour. The nose is very elegant and delicate, with prominent red fruit and aromas of wild rose petals. The limestone terroir lends a mineral impression and great complexity on the palate. Refined and elegant, with a completely different profile than her other reds. Lively and juicy, with a long finish.

Wine style:
Atlantic, elegant and mineral

Assembly
Mencia (90%), Palomino (4%), Doña Blanca (3%), Godello (3%)

Region:
Castilla y León

Appellation:
D.O. Bierzo

Wine estate:
Verónica Ortega

Biological

Description domain

Verónica Ortega was raised in Cádiz, Andalusia. After finishing her studies, se traveled all around the world and made wine for some of the greatest names on the wine planet. She is a proud pupil of Raúl Pérez, who passed to her his love of the Mencía grape. Since 2012, she has been running her own, very small estate, also in Valtuille de Abajo.