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Cobrana 2023
Verónica Ortega - 75 cl.



Cobrana comes from a different village than Valtuille. It consists of several parcels around the village of Cobrana at 700 metres altitude. Here the soils are not sandy but composed of blue slate with clay. Verónica mainly works with field blends, very traditional for the region, with about 25% white grapes co-fermented with the reds. This co-fermentation results in a “Blouge” profile, a contraction of blanc and rouge, creating a wine that sits between white and red. This gives the wines from Cobrana a more Burgundian character, whereas those from Valtuille show a more Rhône-like profile.

Vinification
The grapes are harvested here two weeks later than in Valtuille. As with the other wines, they are not destemmed and whole clusters are fermented. White and red grapes are co-fermented to create a fresh wine positioned between a white and a light red. This approach provides additional structure and contributes to the wine’s freshness and tension. A long maceration follows with gentle extraction in a single large 3000-litre wooden foudre. The wine is then aged for approximately 12 months in clay vessels and in 228-litre barriques of second and third use.

Storage potential
Drink as from : 2026
Best moment : 2028-2031
Until : 2036

To serve
At cellar temperature, in a large glass.

Trial analysis
Very light colour, like a clarete. Typical aromas of berries (raspberry), a nice mineral touch brought by the slate soils. Fresh and wide on the palate, with a lot of acidity and tension. Long and mineral finish.

Wine style:
Atlantic, elegant and mineral

Assembly
Mencia (79%), Godello (9%), Doña Blanca (7%), Palomino (5%)

Region:
Castilla y León

Appellation:
D.O. Bierzo

Wine estate:
Verónica Ortega

Biodynamic

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.