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Grand Cruz Del Calvario 2023
Bimbache - 75 cl.



Grand Cruz del Calvario is Bimbache's most extreme vineyard, on the North Coast of El Hierro, where the Atlantic influence is the most obvious. The wines coming from this windy and humid area is naturally low in alcohol but has a high acidity. What a structure!

Vinification
The total production of this small cuvée is around 1,000 bottles only. The grapes come from 60 + year-old vines. They start to ferment in stainless steel tanks, with indigenous yeasts, then they are transferred in wood barrels, where they develop a thin veil of "flor". No filtration, no clarification. Only a small dose of sulphur is added just before bottling.

Storage potential
Drink as from: 2024
Best moment: 2027-2029
Until: 2033

To serve
Decant to give it some air. Serve at 12°C in a large glass.

Trial analysis
There is even more minerality in this wine than its sister-cuvée John Stone. Lower in alcohol and higher in acidity, it makes one salivate and want more. Juicy, fruity and salty, it is even freakier than John Stone.

Wine style:
Atlantic, volcanic and mineral

Assembly
Baboso blanco, Forastera blanca, Gual, Listán blanco, Vijariego blanco

Region:
Canarias

Appellation:
D.O.P. Islas Canarias - El Hierro

Wine estate:
Bimbache

Biological

Description domain

Bimbache is the name of the ancient inhabitants of El Hierro, the most Western and the smallest of the Canary Islands. After the Spanish conquered this island, in 1405, these inhabitants were enslaved. But for us, it is primarily the name of one of the most exciting projects we have seen these last years in Spain. As a wine retailer himself on Gran Canaria, Rayco Fernandez, whom we already knew for the Puro Rofe project in Lanzarote, has an incredible knowledge of the Canarian viticulture and its potentiel. On El Hierro, vine has almost disappeared; there were only a few winegrowers left on the sheer slopes of the North coast but the production was too small to justify any investment. But Rayco took his chance and so much the better for us, for the Bimbache wines are exactly what we like: original, different, and very Atlantic.