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Familia Pacheco

Jumilla, Spain

Organic Monastrell Syrah

Grape Variety: 80% Monastrell, 20% Syrah

Vinification Process: The Monastrell grapes came from 40-year-old bush vines with yields of 2.500 kilos per hectare. The Syrah grapes were from 8-year-old wire-trained vines. The pre fermentation maceration took place at 18 degrees Celsius with pumping over every two hours to extract colour and the primary aromas of the varietals.

As soon as the fermentation started the frequency of the pump overs was substantially reduced to control the aggressiveness of the tannins. Maceration lasted 8 days, producing a wine, which reflects the dominant Monastrell with all its mature fruit characteristics.

Description: Monastrell brings fruity smooth warm flavours, Syrah colour, aroma and finesse: This wine is clean and full flavoured yet easy to drink.

Food Pairing: Delicious with tapas, roast meats, and cheese.

Alcohol: 14%

Additional Winery Information: Jumilla- a DO set within the semi-arid, hilly landscape of northern Murcia in the south-east of Spain has become famous for the cultivation of Monastrell which prospers in the nutrient poor, limestone soils producing full-flavoured, well-coloured grapes which in turn produce wines of character and quality. Long wines has discovered Viña Elena, an exceptional family owned winery managed by Elena Pacheco and her three sisters, grand-daughters of the original owner, who combine three generations of tradition with a truly innovative outlook. As you might expect Monastrell is king but the family vineyards also include other key international varietals such as Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah and it is the blending of these with the indigenous Monastrell which really sets these wines apart from others in the region.

The vineyard is 17 hectares of 13 year old and old vines, 500 metres above sea level, set within the semi-arid, hilly landscape of northern Murcia in the south-west of Spain, producing full-flavoured, well-coloured grapes, which in turn produce wines full of character.