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Mujeres del vino

Anónimas Viticultoras

Rías Baixas, Ribeira Sacra, & Valdeorras

Anónimas Viticultoras is the project of winemakers Cris Yagüe Cuevas and Maria Falcón. Based in Rias Baixas, where Cris has made wine for many years, and where Maria's family has done so for generations, they also source fruit from around Galicia. Fresh and elegant wines. In Cris' words, “Anónimas is a project from the vine to the consumer, a tribute to the anonymous women that should have had their place in history and were never recognized. We collaborate with other women in the world of winegrowers, winemakers, and enologists to make these personal wines.”

Instagram: @anonimas.wines

Arrayán

Méntrida & Cebreros (Sierra de Gredos)

Bodegas Arrayán was founded in 1999 as a personal project of José María Entrecanales and María Marsans. The appointment of Maite Sánchez as oenologist in 2009 marked a new era for Arrayán in terms of both the process of making its existing wines and Maite’s focus on adding indigenous varieties to the range. Her priority is to enable the vines to bring out the full expression of each terroir. Vine-growing practices are environmentally friendly and without herbicides or pesticides to favor biodiversity and balance. The same approach is applied to winemaking: fermentation occurs spontaneously using the grapes' natural yeasts, without any added products, with the goal of achieving the maximum purity and personality of each terroir.

Instagram: @bodegasarrayan

Barco del Corneta

La Seca, Valladolid, Castilla y León

Barco del Corneta began sailing in 2007, when Beatriz Herranz returned to her hometown and planted five hectares of Verdejo on old family land in the village of La Seca. During the first years, Beatriz combined her work in the La Seca vineyard with her work in the wineries of Méntrida and later in Cebreros. In 2010, Beatriz and a group of friends created the first vintage of Barco del Corneta. Félix Crespo could not be absent from those friends, and the project continues until this day. Together they have created an artisan wine; a Verdejo that is farmed organically, harvested by hand, fermented with wild natural yeasts, and a very different wine from the typical of the Verdejo variety.

Instagram: @barcodelcorneta

Berta Valgañón
Rioja Alta

Berta's story has deep roots: before her, even before her father Alfredo, there were several generations of winemakers from her vineyards. In the heart of Rioja Alta, at the foot of the Obarenes Mountains, the wines of Berta Valgañón are born. Berta makes her wines from estate vineyards of organic and regenerative viticulture (some planted by Berta herself, some with her father, and some by her great-grandparents more than 100 years ago). These old vines respond to a great biodiversity and remain standing thanks to the work and dedication of many generations.

Instagram: @bertavalganon_vigneron

La Loba
Ribera del Duero

La Loba wine originates in the small village of Matanza de Soria in a cooler area just inside the border of the DO Ribera del Duero. Owner, winemaker, and viticulturist, Ana Carazo farms small vineyards of recovered (mostly pre-phylloxera) 100-year-old Tempranillo vines. At 900-1,000 meters above sea level, Ana's vineyards are influenced by long, cold winters, moderate rainfall, occasional late spring frosts, and summers with cool nights. Viticulture and harvest are entirely manual and carried out by Ana with the help of her friends and family.

Instagram: @lalobawine

Bodegas Pinuaga
Toledo

Bodegas Pinuaga, located on a plateau high (800m) above the Spanish region of Toledo, is a family-owned, organic winery with a rich history that dates back to 1960. The founder of the winery, Esther Pinuaga's grandfather, built a facility in the center of the city as was traditional at the time. The first winery was lost upon his death, but the vineyards remained, and the Pinuaga estate, as we know it today, was built in the center of the vineyards.
Esther and the Pinuaga family are leaders in the organic farming movement in Spain. Esther is the co-founder and long-time President of the Spanish Association of Organic Winemakers and more recently is part of the movement founded to work for more respectful pruning.

Instagram: @bodegaspinuaga

Siete Vidas
Cangas

Visiting Siete Vidas is like traveling to the middle ages. Similar in many ways to Galicia, but more remote, Asturias is green and wet, with stone hovels and wood smoke always in the air. Cangas del Narcea and the surrounding areas were important viticulturally from the 11th century until 1950, when coal mining abruptly stopped cultivation, dropping from 3 million kilos of grapes per year to its current 100,000. Cangas native Beatriz Pérez is working to revive local wine culture. She cares for many of the few remaining plots of vines, entrusted to her by older locals, too old to tend them on their own, and is also planting new vineyards.

Instagram: @bodegavidas

Torgo

A Cañiza, Pontevedra, Galicia

Torgo wines are made by Magdalena Paramés and Javier Barba from a one-hectare vineyard on land purchased in small plots by Magdalena's grandfather in the 1940's. Magdalena's mother inherited the property and replanted the vineyard around the year 2000. The property is surrounded by granite walls, with fruit trees, flowers, and water springs abound. Organically farmed since 2016 (certified in 2020) and with some biodynamic practices. Torgo is located outside of any DO and they do not intend to increase production beyond their one hectare. Intervention in the winery is almost nonexistent, spontaneous fermentation is basic for them. Magdalena and Javier just want to get the best and most representative wine from their tiny independent vineyard and winery.

Instagram: @torgo_e_tal

Viña Elena

Jumilla

This exceptional project is the personal brainchild of Elena Pacheco and Isio Ramos aimed at making 100% Monastrell wines from select DOP Jumilla vineyards. Working organically and using winemaking techniques acquired from local viticulturists, they skillfully craft their wines to reach their full expression with regard to microclimate, soil, location, and the age of the vines.

Instagram: @bodegasvinaelena