

# MICHELINI i MUFATTO

BIERZO. SPAIN

PARAJE WINE 2021

## ENCRUCIJADA

A plot in the town of Valdecañada that was abandoned for four years and that we rescued a year after our arrival in Bierzo, in 2016. The name of the place seems casual, but for us it was a crossroads (encrucijada): on the one hand, the small harvest 2015 could be one more and unique experience in our lives. On the other hand, El Bierzo could captivate us forever if we acquired this land. The rest is history...

A wine from an old vineyard (60 to 100 years old) that is worked organically. Its profile is delicate, with floral flavors and present minerality, with an aging potential of 15 years.

- Appellation of origin: Alto de Valdecañada, Ponferrada, D.O. Bierzo.
- Towns: San Lorenzo.
- Grape variety: Mencía
- Vineyards: free-standing head-trained 80-year old vine. Dryland farming irrigation.
- Organic vinegrowing practices.
- Soil: Red slate.
- Orientación: North.
- Vineyard extension: 0,9 hectares.
- Altitude: 700 masl.
- Harvest time: September 30th.

Winemaking details: 100% whole bunches crushed by foot (pigeage à pied). Spontaneous fermentation in clay amphoras of 1000 kilograms. Long maceration. Aged for 18 months in 1500L oval foudre.

- Bottling: October 2022.
- Production: 1.700 bottles.
- Alcohol: 12%
- Total acidity: 5,11 g/l
- Comments about the vintage: 2021 was a cold year, the coldest since we worked in El Bierzo, with good humidity, which translated into wines with a more continental character, narrow on the palate, but with a fine tannic structure and more present acidity.



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