



Michelini i Mufatto

From a mere 0.9 hectares of organically farmed vineyards, this wine showcases the unique character of the Doña Blanca grape with a balance of fruit intensity and refined structure.

MA Dona Blanca 2022

MIGUELINI i MUFATTO

Bierzo, Spain

Region and Vineyards

This wine hails from the **D.O. Bierzo**, located in northwestern Spain, an area celebrated for its diverse soils and ancient vineyards. The vines are situated in the towns of **Valtuille de Arriba** and **Villafranca del Bierzo**, nestled at **620 meters above sea level**.

The vineyard, covering only **0.9 hectares**, is composed of **122-year-old, head-trained Doña Blanca vines**, cultivated using organic practices. The **clay-loam soils enriched with limestone** provide an excellent balance of drainage and fertility, ensuring the vines produce low-yield, high-quality fruit. The orientation spans **north, south, east, and west**, perched at the top of a mountain, capturing the full potential of sunlight and cool mountain breezes.

Winemaking

The **2022 vintage** was marked by a **mild spring** and a **dry summer**, resulting in early ripening and fruit of exceptional concentration. Grapes were **hand-harvested in September** to preserve their pristine condition.

The winemaking process began with a **direct press** and **spontaneous fermentation** in **228-liter French oak barrels**. The wine underwent no remontage or bâtonnage, preserving its purity and delicate texture. It was aged for **20 to 24 months** in contact with its fine lees, enhancing complexity and depth. Bottled in **April 2023**, this wine is unfiltered, emphasizing its authenticity and minimal intervention approach.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale yellow with subtle golden hues, brilliant and clean.
- **Aromas:** A vibrant bouquet of **white flowers**, **citrus peel**, and **green apple**, complemented by hints of **wet stone** and **almond**.
- **Palate:** Lively and fresh, with a silky texture and flavors of **lemon zest**, **pear**, and a touch of salinity. The finish is long and mineral-driven, with a refined balance of acidity and fruit.



Alcohol :12,70 %

Composition: 100% Dona Blanca



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Did you know?

The **Doña Blanca vines** used for this wine are over a century old, making them a living testament to Bierzo's rich winemaking history. These vines, planted in 1900, thrive without irrigation, relying on natural rainfall and their deep root systems to access nutrients.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Galician octopus with olive oil and paprika:** Matches the wine's mineral character and bright acidity.
- **Grilled sea bass with lemon butter:** Enhances the wine's citrus and saline notes.
- **Risotto with asparagus and Parmesan:** Balances the wine's creamy texture and herbal aromas.
- **Manchego cheese with quince paste:** Highlights the wine's nuttiness and vibrant acidity.



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2022)

The 2022 Doña Blanca fermented in used barriques (for the first year, they were new), and the wine is varietal and saline, with purity but still a tittle marked by the élevage in barrel for two winters. It comes from deeper soils with more clay in Villafranca del Bierzo (from the paraje or lieu-dit of Las Gundiñas), and those soils cushioned the effect of the heat and made the salinity emerge in an even more evident way. It's tasty and makes you salivate with that effervescent minerality. It has moderate ripeness and alcohol (12.5%), keeping very good acidity (6.5) and a pH of 3.5 after going through full malolactic. Super tasty. 1,500 bottles produced. It was bottled in February 2024.

