



# LOS BERMEJOS MALVASÍA SECO



VINTAGE	2023
COUNTRY	Spain
REGION	Canary Islands
APPELLATION	Lanzarote
WINE TYPE	White
VARIETIES	Malvasía Volcanica
ORGANIC	Sustainable and Organic Practices
VINEYARD	Multiple plots of old, pre-phylloxera vines planted in “hoyos” - small holes with rock walls to protect them from the trade winds
SOIL	Black volcanic ash that retains the little water the island sees. Under this volcanic ash we find very different soils depending on the area: clayey, sandy and even limestone soils
VITICULTURE	Sustainable practices, grapes are hand harvested from ungrafted vines
VINIFICATION	Rigorous grape selection process before pressing. Very light pressing of the whole grapes, around 65 percent yield. Fermentation at controlled temperature and subsequent ageing on lees.
AGING	Tank aged on lees
ABV%	13.5%
PRODUCTION	250,000 bottles
BOTTLE UPC	8437002995010
TI-HI	15x4
CLOSURE	Cork
BOX ORIENTATION	Upright
VEGAN	Yes



Owned and run by winemaker Ignacio Valdera, Bermejitos is on the easternmost island of Lanzarote. Only 125km from the African coast, conditions here are extreme. A volcanic explosion that lasted from 1730-1736 covered the entire island in lava and ash 3-5 meters deep. Consequently, each vine must be planted in a hole or hoyo that breaks through that infertile volcanic crust of petrified lava to the organic matter that can nourish it. The wind, which acts as a natural fungicide, is so ferocious that each hoyo is surrounded by rock walls for protection. The flora on Lanzarote – including the vines – cannot grow up very high; there are not enough nutrients in the soil to support sprawling greenery. Yields are miniscule (16 hL/ha) and each berry is concentrated with flavor. All vineyard work is done meticulously by hand. Some of the wines are certified organic, depending on the vintage. Ignacio supplements his crop with purchased fruit from growers who share his vision of sustainable viticulture; with such low yields the winery would have to own most of the land on the island in order to produce financially sustainable quantities of wine from exclusively proprietary grapes.