



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## EL JARDÍN DE LAS IGUALES

### MACABEO 2016

**EL JARDÍN DE LAS IGUALES** || The newest project from Fernando Mora (MW) from a hidden jewel in Alpartir, discovered in 2016. In the last village in Valdejalón, on the northern face of the Sierra de Algairén, this vineyard was planted in 1890 in an area underrated due to lack of wineries where only home winemaking existed. This extraordinary site was never uprooted so the highest, strongest and oldest vines remained. The vineyard was restored over a period of two years and in 2019, a 200-year-old winery was renovated and now home to this special Garnacha and Macabeo wines.

**VALDEJALÓN** || Vino de la Tierra Valdejalón is located in Aragon, west of the city of Zaragoza. The area has long been associated with quality wine, and it's believed that viticulture here pre-dates Roman settlement. It shares the minerality of Calatayud with the fruitiness of Campo de Borja - both areas sharing borders with Valdejalón. Ninety-seven percent of the region is planted to Garnacha, many of which are 50-90 year old vines. Currently, there are only two cooperatives and the tiny Garage Wine project.

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**BLEND** | 100% Macabeo

**VINEYARDS** | Handpicked grapes from a dry farmed, organic vineyard (El Jardin de las Iguales) with 80-100 year old vines. The soils are limestone and blue slate and range from 400-1030 meters elevation (this vineyard is extreme!).

**WINEMAKING** | Wild yeast primary and malolactic fermentation followed by sixteen months aging in demi-muid François Frères oak barrels from Hospices de Beaune.

**ALCOHOL** | 13.5%

**BAR CODE** | 0016027365503

**PRESS** | 94 WA

"It has great varietal character and lots of complexity, even if it still feels very young. The palate has electric acidity and great depth of flavor, with good weight and is balanced. I also sampled the 2017 from barrel and the wine is very lively, but seeing how the 2016 has improved I think they need time. In fact, this 2016 is not going to be released until the end of 2019 and the 2017 should not be sold until the end of 2020." - Luis Gutierrez

