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EL BOTIJO



Botijo Blanco Garnacha Blanca 2019 || 90 points

"The Garnacha Blanca 2019 Botijo Blanco was produced with grapes from dry-farmed, head-pruned vines averaging 25 years of age and planted on limestone-rich, white soils. 2019 was a dry, warm and low-yielding year, when the grapes were picked on September 5th. It has moderate alcohol and notable acidity. It fermented with indigenous yeasts in concrete vats after a 24- to 30-hour cold soak and matured with lees for three to four months. It's has a clean, varietal nose (white flowers), nicely textured, with a chalky sensation and a tasty, almost salty finish. 25,400 bottles were filled in March 2020."



Botijo Rojo Garnacha 2018 || 90+ points

"The unoaked red 2018 Botijo Rojo Garnacha was produced with grapes from 25 hectares of vineyards ranging between 20 and 50 years of age (they used to do a separate old-vine cuvée, but it was discontinued and those grapes are now here). The vines are planted on clay and limestone stony soils at 450 meters in altitude in the village of Épila, from the same zone as the white Botijo Blanco. It fermented in stainless steel and concrete with around 10% full clusters and matured in underground concrete vats for 10 months. It's fruit-driven but with good complexity, with moderate alcohol, a mixture of red and white fruit with a touch of licorice, varietal, with a medium-bodied palate, fine tannins and a fruit-driven finish, with good tension (is it the stems?). A very good vintage (the best so far?) for this bottling. 95,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in February 2020."

