



# MANDA HUEVOS OLD VINE MACABEO

Variety: Old vine Macabeo 95%, Garnacha blanca 5%

Vintage: 2020

Classification: Varietal Wine of Spain, Single Vineyard

Bottling date: March 2022. Released in January 2023

Production: 2,916 bottles

Vineyard: Carramainas

Yield: 3 tonnes per hectare.

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## WINEMAKERS' NOTES

Harvest of the Carramainas vineyard took place on the 13th of September 2020, 7-10 days earlier than usual. The old vines lend a natural concentration but with extremely fresh acidity and mouthfilling fruit with notes of pineapple, honey and chamomile. The oak is perfectly integrated with a long sumptuous toasty finish. This wine should age with some style.

Grapes were hand picked in 20kg cases, then stored overnight in a cool room before processing. We follow Burgundian methods in the cellar. Grapes are loaded whole bunch to the press, then we use a long slow press cycle with no sulphur or enzymes. Must is cold settled overnight then racked to 500l Francois Frère barrels with a very long, low toast. Spontaneous fermentation proceeds at ambient cellar temperature (18 to 20 C) for around 2 weeks until dry. The wine was then kept on full fermentation lees for 3 months before racking to finish ageing on fine lees for a further 12 months. No cold stabilization or fining.

**The vineyard:** Planted with Old Vine Macabeo and around 5% Garnacha blanca. The Carramainas parcel is an unusual mix of decomposed red sand - which gives a loamy/sandy texture- with gravel and pudding stones interspersed, 850 m above sea level, South West facing directly below the Pingorote de la Zorra, a well known peak outside Villarroya de la Sierra in the Sistema Ibérico.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol content: 13%    Residual sugar: 1.4g/l    Total acidity: 6g/l    pH: 3.07

*"Creamy nose with fine oak spices showing praline, vanilla and butterscotch to the lemon custard and pastry. A hint of crushed stones, too. Fresh, dry and creamy on the palate with a full body and good intensity of flavors. Long yet subtle finish. Pretty serious macabeo from Calatayud. Drink now, but can hold for a few years, too."*

James Suckling June 2023