

CHOZAS CARRASCAL

LAS DOS CES TINTO 2017



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We are thrilled to introduce the wines of one of Spain's very few *Vino de Pago*—Bodega Chozas Carrascal. Helmed by María José, the daughter of founder María José López-Peidro, this Valencian bodega utilizes modern techniques, many invented by the matriarch herself, to create wines with a singular sense of Mediterranean purity.

Here in Utiel Requena, close to the great Sea from which it receives its influence, the wines of Chozas benefit even further from the family's deep sense of tradition and respect for their unique biodiversity. The wines are certified organic.

In the winery, this respect for the 'cultivo ancestral' is maintained through the strict use of native yeasts. All of the red wines are spontaneously fermented and the Bodega has worked with a local university to create a "yeast bank" from strains obtained in its own vineyards. The wines are never clarified and only in some instances filtered through an organic membrane maintaining purity in all of Chozas wines and remaining perfectly vegan.



 **ORIGIN**
Utiel-Requena, Spain

 **WINEMAKER**
Julian Lopez

 **WINEMAKING**
The whole vinification process happens in trunk-conic and rectangular concrete tanks. Maceration lasts for two weeks and alcoholic fermentation occurs below 25°C. Malolactic occurs in French oak barrels. Then the wine is moved back to concrete tanks for polishing tannins. Aged for six months in 3rd and 4th vinatge French oak barrels of 225L. Bottled two months before release.

 **ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**
Located in a nature preserve, the winery is committed to reducing carbon emissions. The winery currently uses solar panels to reduce its energy use by one-half and a gas system for temperature control subtracting another 20%, and is close to achieving carbon neutrality.

 **PRODUCTION**
10,000 cases of 12

 **TECHNICAL**
Alc 13.5%, R/Sugar 1.49 g/l, TA 4.6 g/l, pH 3.5

 **VARIETAL**
100% Bobal

 **TASTING NOTES**
Plenty of red fruits coming through. Wild herbs aromas with hints of balsamic notes.

 **VINEYARDS**
Grown in a single vineyard located between 750 and 800 m above sea level. Great soil conditions for vinegrowing as it shares the same soils as the surrounding mountains. First, a clay layer that preserves freshness, then limestone at root level that provides minerals and sandy soils underneath, which helps greatly with draining.

 **FOOD**
Pair with braised pork, charcuterie or pasta with meatballs.

 **AGEING**
Best enjoyed 2 to 5 years from vintage.