



# VERONICA ORTEGA

## Quite

Born and raised in Cadiz, Veronica Ortega came of age surrounded by the pungent aromas of flor, evaporating sherry and the ocean. Her first exposure to the rigors of the profession came in the Priorat where she worked with both Alvro Palacios and Daphne Glorian. This initiation led her to stints working in New Zealand, in Burgundy at Comte Armand and DRC, in the northern Rhone at Domaine Combiere before finally returning to Spain and working several years along side Raul Perez in Bierzo.

In Bierzo she found a variety, Mencia, that bears many similarities to both Pinot and Syrah – refreshing acidity, bright fruit flavors and an affinity for expressing terroir. Bierzo is home to an ancient winemaking tradition, a unique climate that straddles the divide between cool maritime Galicia and the torrid central plateau of Spain and two distinctive soils types: granitic sand and calcareous clay.

When Veronica Ortega settled in Bierzo, she acquired several plots of old-vine Mencia near the village of Valtuille de Abrajo on sandy and clay soils. After a few vintages of just making a single wine from these vines, ROC, Veronica began to discern that the sandier plots were more expressly and delicately floral and benefited from a shorter time in barrel. From this realization, Quite was born in 2012. Since this first vintage, Veronica has continued to seek ways to emphasize the innate qualities of Quite – she now destems the fruit entirely, ferments in tank, has shortened the maceration, and employs 800L amphorae for aging a portion of the wine.

### ORIGIN

*Spain*

### APPELLATION

*Bierzo*

### SOIL

*Clay, sand, slate*

### AGE OF VINES

*80+*

### ELEVATION

*530 meters*

### VARIETIES

*Mencia*

### FARMING

*Organic*

### FERMENTATION

*Hand harvested, destemmed, natural yeast  
fermentation in tank, gentle maceration lasting  
12 days*

### AGING

*8 months in neutral 228L French oak barrels  
and 800L amphorae*

### ACCOLADES

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SELECTIONS