

Bergesio Collezione Rufián 1920



REGION/ ORIGIN	Salamanca Miranda del Castañar	WINEMAKER	Alvar de Dios, Justo Casado, & Mauro B
VINTAGE	2020	WINERY ESTABLISHED	1998
VARIETALS	65% Rufete, 5% Calabrés 15% Aragonés, 15% Rufete Serrano Blanco	VINEYARD(S)	El Erial (planted in 1920)
ALCOHOL	13.5%	AGE OF VINEYARD(S)	100 years old
FERMENTATION	In barrel Indigenous yeasts	SOIL TYPE	Granite & Quartzite
AGING	9 months	ELEVATION	750 meters
BARREL TYPE	French - 300 liters	FARMING METHODS	Natural
BARREL AGE	1 year old	PRODUCTION	bottles
FILTER/FINING	None		
TOTAL SULFUR RS	mg/l g/l		

“Strength does not come from physical capacity, it comes from an indomitable will.” - Gandhi

Mauro Bergesio had a dream when he first started to partner in small parcel of grapes in the drastic mountains of southern Salamanca. He saw remarkable potential in the local grapes, and knew that with the right touch, something truly special could be born in a bottle. Mauro isn't a winemaker because he is obsessed with the land, consumed by old and gnarly vines, and thrilled by the possibilities of what the land and vine can do. He seeks out only the greatest winemakers that have a unique and special touch for the grapes he grows, always keeping the integrity of the grape at the forefront of importance. For the Rufian wines, Mauro has partnered with Justo Casado in 2020 to work towards achieving the very most from the grapes of these extreme plots. With a soft hand in the winery, pulling the most from the different grapes with gentle foot and hand pressing in a range of barrels, it all comes together to create mystique and incredible nuance for the Rufian wines.

*Rvfian refers to the rebel, the 'ruffian' that challenges the system
and goes beyond expectations and what is 'normal'*

The *Rufian 1920* comes from the western reach of Spain, near Miranda del Castañar in the southern portion of the province of Salamanca. This special bottling is named 1920 for two reasons: first to celebrate the century old vines that were planted in 1920 in the El Erial plot, and second because this bottling is a mix of both the 2019 and 2020 vintages to create a truly unique Rufian experience. Both years were co-fermented blends, with indigenous yeasts, of four grapes from this mixed vineyard; about 65% Rufete Noir that stayed with their skins, and then 15% Rufete Serrano Blanco (used to be known as Verdejo Serrano), 15% Aragonés (Tempranillo), and 5% Calabrés (Garnacha), all pressed gently off their skins. The two vintages gave a different result yet come together harmoniously with beautiful texture, freshness, and lively fruit. The aromas are soft and round, full of juicy berries, but also full of an earthy depth that brings the mountain terroir to the forefront of the glass. In the mouth, the wine has a gripping texture laced with fruit, minerality, and earthy goodness.