# AYRE – 2019 Verdejo 100%

### **HARVEST**

The 2019 harvest cycle was shorter than usual with a lack of rain during the collection, which happened from 10<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> in September. The situation improved the work in the vineyard and benefited the quality of the grapes. Another factor which helped, was the fluctuation of the temperatures between day and night that gave a great balance between sugar and acidity. The mentioned lack of rain, especially during spring and summer has reduced the production 10% compared with 2018, but on the other hand the quality of the grapes have been increased.

The vineyards used in the production of this wine are from 8 to 15 years old, both in bush, trellis, and rainfed. The production yields of our grapes in this harvest (kilograms / hectare) were from 6,000 to 8,000 kg / ha. This resulted in a higher concentration of the grape components and therefore a higher quality of the wine.

### **WINEMAKING**

Maceration of the must with the skins is carried out for 6-12 hours at a temperature of 6-8°C. This results in a greater extraction of the aromatic and varietal components, as well as to enhance the sensations on the palate.

The racking is long, increasing the contact of film substances with the must for more fruity aromas contribution.

The fermentation takes place at low temperatures at 14-16°C, which helps to maintain and intensify the varietal character.

After the fermentation, the wines are kept (for a select period of time) in contact with the fine lees in order to increase the structural characteristics of the wine, providing fatty acids and glyceric sensations on the palate.

The clarification in all our wines are made without any product from animal origin.

## **TASTING NOTES**

On the sight: Pale straw color with green reflections. Clean, bright and well presented.

On the nose: Medium-high intensity, with a marked varietal character. Notes of green apple and citrus aromas (lime, grapefruit), which are complemented by peach, apricot and with pleasant floral nuances (hawthorn, acacia), well combined with a balsamic finish (fennel, hay and aniseed).

On the palate: Fresh feel, rich in nuances. Good expression of Verdejo that lasts long. Structured with a pleasant acidity. Retronasal aniseed and floral with a certain presence of citrus fruits (grapefruit and lime).

#### **ANALYSIS**

Alcohol content 13.5% vol

Total acidity: 5.52 g / I expressed in tartaric acid

pH: 3.39

Total sulfur: 92mg / I Acetic acid: 0.18 g / I Reducing sugar: 2.0 g / I





