



# BODEGAS VINAE MURERI

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VINO DE LA TIERRA ~ RIBERA DEL JILOCA

Born and raised in the high, remote Jiloca River Valley, José Antonio Martín fondly recalls a youth spent among the vineyards of his forefathers. Recognizing the potential treasure of nearly-forgotten old Garnacha vines on the rocky slopes of Pago de la Moratilla (reputedly the birthplace of Tempranillo), Martín formed a partnership in 2001 to revitalize his family's estate. A new bodega was finished in time for the debut 2003 harvest.

Ribera del Jiloca is the highest growing region in Zaragoza province, located in Aragón's mountainous geographic center. Elevations range from 2900 to 4000', and the slopes consist of exposed slate, with important Cambrian trilobite fossil deposits. The climate is continental with mild Mediterranean influence. Vinae Mureri has approximately 85 vineyard acres, with an average vine-age approaching an astounding **80 years** and minuscule yields of **less than 700 lbs/acre**. All viticulture is done by hand due to the dramatic inclination of the vineyards. As is so often the case, high altitude, extreme vine age, scant yields and careful fruit handling maximize complexity and age worthiness.

Firm and muscular with gripping tannins balanced by low-yield concentration and pronounced minerality, these unique Garnacha possess special appeal for those who normally prefer the dense structure of Cabernet or Syrah.

## **XILOCA GARNACHA**

80% Garnacha and 20% Tempranillo from old vines planted at relatively low elevation and in red clay soils. Bottled without oak. A soft, forward and versatile wine with a rich, juicy flavor and finish.

## **"MURET" (BLUE LABEL)**

Garnacha from ancient vines planted to slate soils. Dense and structured with aromas of ripe fruit, mountain herbs and toasty oak underpinned by minerality and fruity nerve. Aged 12 months in primarily American oak, this is a multi-layered wine with excellent prospects for evolution in the cellar.

**Parker's Wine Advocate** on the 2007: "The 2007 Muret Oro is an unoaked cuvée of 100% Garnacha from steep slate hillsides. Dark ruby-colored, it has an attractive nose of fragrant cherries that jumps from the glass. On the palate mineral notes make an appearance along with a bit of tannin. This tasty effort will provide pleasure over the next four years."

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