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**VERTVS ORGANIC  
SPANISH MERLOT CRIANZA**

**Winemakers:** BODEGAS IRANZO  
**Appellation:** D.O. UTIEL - REQUENA  
**Varietal(s):** 100% MONOVARIETAL SPANISH MERLOT

**Production Area:**

All of the production is obtained from the Estate FINCA CAÑADA HONDA. The production area includes lime soils which are ideal for obtaining colorful wines. Also the sand textures of these lime soils benefit the ripening of the grapes. The vineyard is situated 800 – 850 meters above sea level with an N / SE orientation resulting in maximum sunlight exposure.

**Yield per Vine & Hectare:**

Harvested by hand during last week of October. The average is 50 Hectolitres per hectare, although it varies depending on the climactic conditions of every year.

**Training system:**

All of the Merlot vines are guided by the Gullot doble system, although the vines are not held. This system enhances the airing of the vines, avoids the emergence of cliptogamic diseases. Also, a shading cover of the vegetation avoids the direct impact of the sun on the vines

**Hectares of Production:** 62 hectares

**Vinification:**

Only flower must (not pressed) is used for the elaboration of this wine. The fermentation is controlled at a maximum temperature of 28°C. The maceration process lasts 14 days approximately. Scraping and crushing with rubber rollers. Vatting, devatting and malolactic fermentation in December.

**Analytical Data:** 13.5% alc. / vol.

**Ageing:**

Crianza (ageing) is done in underground wine cellars of adobe during one year. Aged in Boudreaux barrels of French and American oak during 6 months.

**Color:**

Burgundy red with iodized borders. Medium depth.

**Nose:**

Medium intensity. Red mature fruit, plum, slight spice sand wood, smoked notes.

**Taste:**

Light entry, soft, slightly sweet. Without sharp edges. Integrated acidity, very mature, round and soft tannins. Aroma in mouth with notes of mature fruit, milk, good wood, warm feeling. Long and persistent aftertaste.

**Conservation Time:** To consume preferably before 2008.

**Notes:**

Wine made from USDA National Organic Program Certified Grapes. Certified by ECOCERT. Recognized as Certified Organic by the ORGANISME DE CERTIFICATION QUÉBECVRAI.

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