## MOLINO REAL MOUNTAIN WINES / Málaga Molino Real (2016)

The Molino Real vineyards are located in the province of Malaga, more precisely in Cómpeta, between the mountains of Granada and the Mediterranean Sea. Nine hectares of vineyards at different elevations (between 350 and 1,000 meters) always on steep slopes of oxidised Palaeozoic slate, not terraced to avoid denaturing the soil, but heavily affected by erosion.

On both the "solanas" (sunny spots) and the "umbrías" (shaded spots), one single variety, the Muscat of Alexandria, like no other variety takes advantage of the hot slate to ripen. The following traditional "asoleo" leaves the grapes to dry under the sun to considerably increase their concentration.

In the Axarquía region of Malaga, 2016 in general was a late and dry year. The delay of the vegetative cycle was generated by abundant rainfall in May, which also favoured a strong pressure of mildew, resulting in the loss of part of the crop.

Two long harvests, one in the vineyard and another one in the "pasero". Pressed in an oil press with "capachas" (rounded mats of esparto) to be able to extract the must which gives rise to the famous "Mountain Wine". 2 kilos and a half of grapes are necessary to obtain a single liter of must.

Long and complex fermentation in 225 liter wooden barrels. 20 months of slow aging and low temperatures: Molina Real!

50 CL. BOTTLES PRODUCED 4,132

