

THE SOURCE

BIEN DE ALTURA

CANARY ISLANDS



2021 EL3MENTO, TINTO

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Raised by his mother and grandmother, Carmelo inherited from them a big heart, warmth and charm, along with the inner-city energy and hustle of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, an industrial port crunched between the sleeping volcano and Atlantic crammed with half a million locals and four million tourists each year. He returned home in 2017 to begin Bien de Altura after traveling the world working in cellars and vineyards. Listán Negro is the dominant grape in Carmelo's range, and results in more elegant wines with a fresher fruit profile. In this arid climate with an average annual rainfall of only 134 cm (5.3 inches) and at some of the wine world's highest altitudes, from 1,100-1,460 meters (3,600-4,800 feet), on mostly east-facing sites on extremely steep orange volcanic sand, silt, clay, and rocky topsoil, he crafts a series of wines with a global cult following. The cellar practices are intendedly low tech and made with minimal sulfites, whole bunch fermentations, extended macerations and neutral aging vessels.

VINEYARD DETAILS

El3mento comes from an own-rooted single parcel on the NE side of Gran Canaria planted forty years ago (2024) with 100% Listan Negro on extremely steep slope facing southeast at 1350m on the top of the mountain with volcanic bedrock and volcanic boulders, small volcanic rocks (picón), clay and sandy red topsoil.

CELLAR NOTES

100% whole-bunch, 8-month natural fermentation/maceration in 1000L clay amphora and only composed of free-run wine. No filtration or fining.

