## Familia Castaño,

# Organic Rosado 2022

## Yecla, Murcia, Spain





Grape Varieties	100% Monastrell
Winemaker	Mariano López
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	1.47g/L
Acidity	5.31g/L
Wine pH	2.98
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan

#### **PRODUCER**

The Castaño family owns over 410 hectares of vineyards in the Yecla DO in south-eastern Spain. 80% of these vineyards are planted with the native Monastrell variety. For several generations, Bodegas Castaño has been a pioneer in this region and has come to symbolise the best of what southern Spain has to offer: rich, warm climate wines made from grapes grown at altitude, resulting in wines of great character and finesse.

#### **VINEYARDS**

The bush trained vines are grown on organic plots of limestone 750 metres above sea level. Dry, sunny weather and specific soil conditions here give little chance for mould or pests to thrive, allowing a pesticide-free and agrochemical-free crop every year. The average age of the vines is over 30 years old which are planted at a density of 1,600 vines per hectare.

#### VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage was particularly long, hot and dry, which resulted in a challenging growing season. The year was characterised by prolonged periods of heat and drought with significantly low levels of rainfall. Excellent canopy management was required to protect the vines from sun damage, especially for early-ripening whites. Thankfully, the altitude and slope aspect of the vineyards provided cool breezes to counteract these harsh temperatures. Overall, the wines have a wonderfully concentrated flavour profile with balanced acidity.

### **VINIFICATION**

The grapes were crushed very lightly. After settling, the free run juice went straight to fermentation to retain its vibrant colour and fresh fruit aromatics. The must was fermented at 16°C for 13-14 days in stainless steel tanks. After fermentation, the wine remained in stainless steel tanks until bottling, to retain the wine's fresh fruit profile.

### **TASTING NOTES**

Delicate, pale pink in colour, this wine shows fragrant aromas of raspberry and wild strawberry. A silky, enjoyable mouthfeel with a long, elegant finish. On the palate the wine is juicy and fresh.