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## ATANCE



### ATANCE Cuveé N°1 2020 || 90+ points

“The white blend 2020 Atance Cuveé N°1 was produced with 70% Merseguera and 30% Malvasía (Adriática) from organic, dry-farmed and head-pruned vines in their Casa Segura estate in the village of Venta del Moro at 800 meters in altitude. It’s 13.5% alcohol and has a pH of 3.32 with 5.7 grams of acidity. The Malvasía is noticeable here, in the floral notes; it’s not a Muscat-like Malvasía, it’s subtler, but enough to give aromas and freshness to the wine. It has some balsamic notes and is more floral than fruit-driven. It’s balanced and tender, clean and long.”



### ATANCE Bobal 2019 || 90 points

“The red 2019 ATANCE was born out of the idea to make a wine from the grapes from the Casa Segura property north of Venta del Moro at 800 meters in altitude that were sold in bulk—a wine with little intervention, from hand-harvested grapes, a straight fermentation and short élevage. This pure Bobal comes from vines planted in 1975 on limestone-rich soils. It fermented with indigenous yeasts in 10,000-liter stainless steel vats for one week and two to four more days of maceration. The wine matured in 8,000-liter French oak vats for three months. It’s 13.5% alcohol and has a pH of 3.62. Despite the data, the wine feels quite ripe and open, a little too advanced for its age. It’s round and juicy, has weight and is polished, with a chalky finish.”



### ATANCE Bobal 2020 || 91+ points

“The 2020 ATANCE, pure Bobal from vines planted in 1975, fermented in 10,000-liter stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts at controlled temperature for a week and had a short maceration. The wine matured in 8,000-liter French oak vats for three months. This feels really harmonious, serious, nuanced and elegant, with subtle aromas and great balance and length.”

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## BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO



BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO Mestizaje Blanc 2020 || 91+ points

“The 2020 Mestizaje Blanco has a slightly different blend, as they introduced Xarello and lowered Viognier; it is 65% Merseguera, 14% Viognier and roughly equal parts Malvasía and Xarello. It fermented in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts and matured in concrete and stainless steel with fine lees for six months. It has 13.5% alcohol and good freshness (pH 3.31) and acidity. It has a different profile, less exuberant and floral (white flowers rather than pollen), but it’s more serious and subtler. The palate is balanced and fresh, clean and precise, every bit as good as the 2019 but just different.”



BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO Finca Calvestra 2020 || 92 points

“The white 2020 Finca Calvestra was produced with Merseguera grapes planted at 920 meters in altitude and fermented in 225- and 500-liter acacia wood barrels, where it matured with fine lees for 11 months. It has 14% alcohol, a low pH of 3.19 and 6.2 grams of acidity. As I’ve seen when comparing some 2020s with 2019s, this feels more primary and round, more powerful and a little riper with some balsamic notes and a bitter twist in the finish.”



BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO Mestizaje Tinto 2019 || 91+ points

“I tasted two vintages of some wines, which is always a good opportunity to compare two years side by side, like the white 2019 Mestizaje Blanco that I tasted next to the 2020. It comes from Finca Calvestra at 920 meters in altitude, so a Mediterranean white looking for freshness through altitude. This is a blend of 65% Merseguera, 24% Viognier and 11% Malvasía matured in concrete and stainless steel for six months. It has medium ripeness at 13.5% alcohol and good freshness and acidity. It has a very expressive, complex and developed nose, with notes of flowers and pollen, a little exuberant but with a very balanced and mineral palate.”



## BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO Finca Terrerazo 2019 || 94+ points

“The 2019 Finca Terrerazo has similar parameters to the 2018 I tasted next to it: 14% alcohol, a slightly lower pH (3.542) and higher acidity (6.15 grams measured in tartaric acid). It also fermented in 3,500- and 5,000-liter oak vats with indigenous yeasts and a soft extraction, and it had an *élevage* in those containers of 18 months. There is a step up in precision here, quite noticeable when tasting it next to the 2018. It’s subtle, elegant and insinuating. It was a very good vintage for this wine. In 2018, the vineyards suffered from hail, and the wine shows more clarity here, it’s more transparent and pure, it has symmetry and very fine tannins. This has to be the finest Finca Terrerazo so far.”



## BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO Quincha Corral 2019 || 95 points

“The top of the range and scarce 2019 Quincha Corral is a wine that is only produced in special vintages from vines planted in 1945 in their El Terrerazo estate at 800 meters in altitude. It fermented in 3,500-liter oak vats with indigenous yeasts for 10 to 12 days with soft *pigéage* and a further two weeks of maceration. The wine underwent malolactic and 20 months of *élevage* in those same vats. It has 14.5% alcohol and very good freshness (pH 3.46) and acidity (6.1 grams). This is elegant, powerful but not heavy. It has more finesse, the palate is terribly chalky, the oak is neatly folded into the fruit (they have removed the small barrels, and it shows) and there’s more precision, complexity and nuance. It’s powerful and young, a concentrated and tannic wine that shows terribly balanced, less opulent than previous years, with more elegance and finesse. Bravo! Could this be the finest Quincha Corral yet? It should be even better with a few more years in the bottle.”

  
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