

Hornillo Ballesteros

Mibal Joven RdD

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: Spain

REGION: Castilla y Leon

APPELLATION: Ribera del Duero

THE STORY

Miguel Hornillos and Javier Ballesteros are not just longtime friends or business partners, they're brothers-in-law (Javier married Miguel's sister, Cristina). Both third generation grape growers from Ribera del Duero, they joined their experiences and 40 ha of vineyards to pursue their own winemaking adventures. They sell most of their grapes to some of the region's most prestigious wineries. And with the meager 10-15% of the harvest they save for themselves, they create uniquely soulful, hand-crafted wines. With ultimate respect for their beautifully rugged vineyards, they are committed to producing ecologically farmed wines. They follow biodynamic philosophies and treatments with minimal intervention in the winery.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Effusive and very quaffable

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Black cherry and blueberry with Earl Grey tea, graphite and charred beef savory notes

MOUTHFEEL: Full and juicy

THE SELLING POINTS

PAIRINGS: Korean Barbecue, Taco Tuesdays, Eggplant Tagine

