



Bodegas Vinae Mureri *Murero (Zaragoza)*

Vino de la Tierra Ribera del Jiloca

José Antonio Martín was born and raised in the high, remote Jiloca River Valley, and fondly recalls a youth spent among the vineyards of his forefathers in Murero's Pago de la Moratilla. Returning later in life with friends including noted Spanish wine authorities, the latent treasure of the area's nearly forgotten old Garnacha vines was clear. In 2001, a partnership was formed to recuperate the old vines of the family estate and gradually acquire additional plots of old vines from

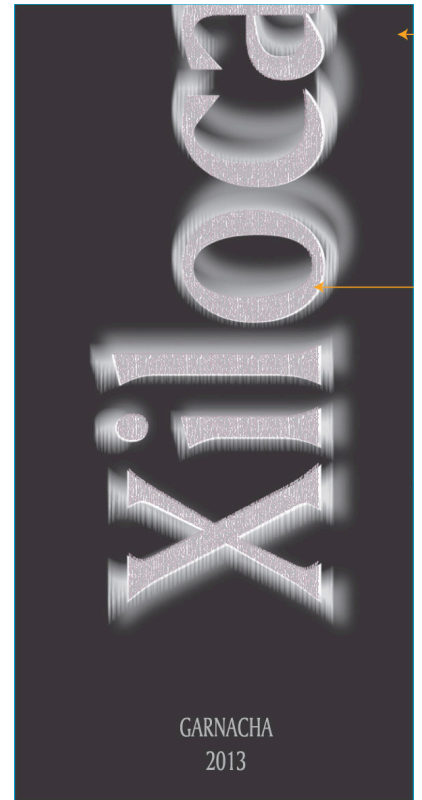


local growers looking to retire. A new bodega was finished in time for the début 2003 harvest.

Ribera del Jiloca is the highest growing region in Zaragoza province, located in the mountainous geographic center of the

region of Aragón. Vineyard elevations range between 2900 and 4000 feet, and the slopes consist primarily of exposed slate, with important Cambrian fossil deposits of *trilobites murerienses*. Climate is Continental with mild Mediterranean influence, and it is widely thought that the Garnacha variety originated here.

Approximately 85 acres are currently in production, with an average age approaching 80 years and yields averaging less than 700 pounds (1/3 ton!) per acre. All vineyard labor is done manually due to the inaccessible slopes.



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