

Red Wine Listán Negro Sustainable, Vegan-Friendly, Volcanic Dry Medium Bodied 750ml 13.5% alc./vol

# Viñátigo Listán Negro 2019

Canary Islands, Spain 91 Points - Wine Align

\$29.95 per bottle (\$359.40 per case) 12 bottles per case

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# **Spicy & Volcanic**

Juan Jesús, who is a 4th generation winemaker, founded Viñátigo in 1990 and has worked tirelessly since then identifying, recuperating the native grapes of the Canary Islands.

Listán Negro is a grape that Viñátigo cultivates in the mid-lands, in the north-west of Tenerife. The grapes are hand-harvested by mid-September and the wine ages in old barrels for three months. It's a delightful and juicy red, with aromas of black pepper, dark fruits, with an outstanding fragrance of black pepper and a strong mineral, volcanic character.

It's the perfect 'chatting' wine: gather with friends and uncork this juicy beauty. A good conversation with friends and a charcuterie board is the best pairing. It matches very well with traditional cuisine from the Canaries: fried rabbit marinated in spicy 'mojo rojo' sauce; or beef stew with boiled potatoes.

# **About the Winery**

## Viñátigo

Juan Jesús is a proud native of Tenerife and the fourth generation of growers. During the thirty years that he's overseen Bodegas Viñátigo, he has considerably increased its holdings, planting varieties that he and his team recuperated from near extinction.



Driven by passion and love for his homeland, Juan decided to revive and work to save all the native grape varieties that were brought to the Canary Islands by the conquers back in the 15th century and that had survived on the islands for centuries. However, these grapes were about to disappear. Viticulture was being abandoned in the archipelago and international varieties were being planted to appeal to the international market, that was until Viñátigo rescued them.

## **Press Reviews**

## Wine Align

#### 91 Points - David Lawrason

From pre-phylloxera vines grown at high altitude in volcanic soils, this is a mid-weight, quite smooth red with a generous nose that reminded me of smoke and tar, with wild chokecherry, pomegranate fruit and herbs. Flavours are a bit unusual and sour-edged yet the texture and tension are smooth and appealing. Tannins are quite mild; the length is excellent. Tasted December 2020.

#### 91 points - Michael Godel

The volcanic midlands of Tenerife's northwest section is THE place on the Canary Islands for growing and producing the highest quality of listán negro. The fourth and fifth generations of Juan Jesús' family are the custodians of these pre-phylloxera vines at 500-1000m and the wines they gift. Just a kiss of oak does little to adulterate the precocious sentimentality and unknowable delight for a wine that you warm up to without knowing how or why. By now and with the 2019 vintage this unique red has come into its own at a perfect knife's edge volatility and discreet if sumptuous behaviour. A must try and twice, each year for the next three to six. Drink 2020-2025. Tasted December 2020.

Nicholas Pearce Wines

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