

Los Bermejos Brut Nature Rosado

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: Spain

REGION: Canary Islands

APPELLATION: Lanzarote

THE STORY

Owned and run by winemaker Ignacio Valdera, Bermejos is on the easternmost island of Lanzarote. Only 125km from the African coast, conditions here are extreme. A volcanic explosion that lasted from 1730-1736 covered the entire island in lava and ash 3-5 meters deep. Consequently, each vine must be planted in a hole or *hoyo* that breaks through that infertile volcanic crust of petrified lava to the organic matter that can nourish it. The wind, which acts as a natural fungicide, is so ferocious that each *hoyo* is surrounded by rock walls for protection. Yields are minuscule (16 hL/ha). All vineyard work is done by hand.

