

MANAGER OF 'VIÑAOLIVA'

## The second alcohol distillery of Extremadura, about to open

Viñaoliva has invested 7.6 million at this industry of Almendralejo

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A new alcohol industry, the second that exists in Extremadura, since in these moments only works the one of Vinícola in the west of Villafranca de los Barros, will begin to work in October in Almendralejo. The project has been promoted for the cooperative of second degree Viñaoliva, that has its home in this locality. This group, the one that 28 cooperatives belong to inhabitants of Extremadura, 17 of them dedicated to the wine, it has invested 7.6 million euros in this industry. The home has been built to six kilometres of Almendralejo, in the road that approaches Arroyo of San Serván, in record time of almost eight months given the necessity that he initiated its activity in this campaign.

«No se puede entender una zona con tanta producción de vino sin una alcoholera»



En esos días se ultima la construcción de la planta. / G. C.

Miguel Castañeda, Viñaoliva's manager, affirm that in this first fortnight of October the proofs of pressure of the boiler will start up and the rest of the machinery to certify his good functioning, and afterward it would initiate its activity with normality.

### Already store

Like foresight, since September 13 this industry is already picking up residue, which is storing in its facilities, ready to start with the process when he has the checked machinery and with all the licences a day.

In fact, what more has delayed this project has had to do one's job scrupulously with all the red tape that he demands the legislation environmental to the contaminating industries.

Nevertheless, Castañeda plans ahead that this campaign be a lot of job, even though the scarcity of grape this year (one

thirty minor percent than the prior year), it will obstruct that it arrives at all of its capacity, since it can accept a production of some 25 or 30 million kilos of residue and between 10 and 15 million kilos lias, on a production of 36 or 37 million litres of wine.

The managing Viñaoliva's agent publicised the need of this industry in Extremadura. « An area with so much production of wine without an alcohol industry cannot be understood, in order to give to the surplus stock of wine of the Earth of Barros answer, that practically it bears two years without this industry, since Vinibasa first decreased its activity, last year only it produced residue, and after that it closed its doors. ».

This year, for example, foresees that half of the harvest of wine could be distilled, process that will be done in one of the two existent distilleries. With this measure it is managed regulating a market with too much surplus stock and, in turn, farmers can accomplish another type of income with the sale on the part of that production.

Precisely Vinibasa, the polemical alcohol industry that has been working during decades in the urban area of Almendralejo and provoking the complaints of neighbours and conservationist associations for the emissions of his chimney and the bad odours, great part of its machinery has been transferred to the new alcohol industry, it will distil a similar quantity to the other one.

However, the new plant has updated so important parts like the boiler of pressure that it is brand-new and that he counts with all the certificates of efficiency in the environmental ratios, according to Castañeda.

Besides, the new distillery, in which some 60 people will work, has absorbed labourers' majority team of Vinibasa that belonged to an entrepreneurial Portuguese group, because right now you know of what this goes.

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