

El Puno Garnacha, El Escoces Volante

Calatayud, Spain



Product code	EV0716RC
Grapes	Garnacha
Country	SPAIN
ABV%	14.5
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	El Escocés Volante
Vintage	2016



Vegan



Vegetarian



Producer

A family owned business based in Aragón, Spain, passionate about producing high quality wines with a particular focus on the native Garnacha variety. Owner and winemaker is Norrel Robertson MW, he drives forward their belief that quality is born in the vineyard, endeavouring to make authentic wines that are the true expression of their terroir. Sustainability starts with the rescue of old vines, no irrigation, no over cropping, no pesticides. They create their own biochar from vine prunings to sequester carbon, bottles are light, labels are made from sugar cane and hemp paper. Sharon and Norrel continue to build their family business for the future.

Tasting Notes

Deep purple with unevolved rim with pronounced aromas of crushed violets, black fruit and spice. Intense yet delicate with lifted, perfumed fruit and monte bajo/ garrigue characters of wild mountain thyme. This is a full bodied wine with rounded tannins with crisp acidity and a long mineral finish.

Winemaking

Old, concentrated, bush-vine fruit selected from 70-100 year old vines selected from the villages of Aced and Alarba in Aragon. The fruit was fermented and bottled outside of the DO Calatayud. All fruit was rigorously selected and as such, each vine yielded less than 1.5kg per vine or around two tonnes per hectare (15hl/ha). Once picked, fruit was held for a minimum of 48hrs in a cool room to chill fruit to below 4 degrees celsius. Bunches were passed over a selection belt to optimise quality and then crushed into tank and held at 8 degrees celsius to cold soak for up to 10 days. Temperature was then allowed to rise allowing a wild fermentation to commence. Tanks were then plunged gently to obtain gentle extraction. One or two tanks were also allowed an extended

maceration after fermentation to add weight and complexity. 40% of wine was then aged in barrel. All old, used French barrels were used with low to medium toast so as not to dominate the wine. Similarly, a selection of larger barrel sizes (300 to 500 litre) were chosen to avoid oxidation and to respect the typicity of the Garnacha grape. The wine was then blended and allowed to marry for a further 24 months in subterranean tanks with lees stirring before bottling with only a light filtration and no fining. High altitude ancient vineyards at 1000 to 1100 metres above sea level with 'pizarra' slate and quartzite soils. Completely dry grown and unirrigated, this is an inhospitable continental climate with extreme changes of temperature where only mountain herbs, almonds, olives and Garnacha form a breathtaking patchwork. Low annual rainfall of 200-300mm and the remarkable soils produce fine and elegant Garnacha which is punctuated by low pH, intense black fruit flavours with complex mineral, smoke and mountain herb notes.

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