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GRACIANO-GARNACHA GRANO A GRANO

VINTAGE
2018

ABV
13.50%

RS
1,17 g/L

PH
3.49

TA
5,25 g/L

BLEND

60% Garnacha, 40% Graciano



THE WINE

In 2015, Abel and Maite decided to blend Graciano and Garnacha and see what happened. They were told by friends that they were silly for doing this. As winemakers, they were merely curious as to how these two vastly different varieties would pair.

Contrary to perceived opinion, the experiment was a success as they blended very well, almost in a yin and yang fashion. The acidity and freshness of the Graciano was tempered and balanced by the softness and fruitiness of the Garnacha. Produced in smaller quantities than the other two Grano a Grano wines, the berries are blended before fermentation.

“Grano a Grano” literally means “Grape by Grape”. Each cluster of fruit is destemmed by hand. The idea is to separate the stems from the fruit and not to break the berries at all. During harvest, they invite some friends over and start destemming.

The aim is to get the fruitiness they get in the carbonic maceration Jarrate into a more serious wine. Fermentation starts inside the berries and then the fruit is stomped by foot. The wine is made in small tanks of no more than 1,200 kgs. After alcoholic fermentation, the wine is placed into a mix of new 225 and 500 liter French oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation takes place in the barrel and the wine aged for 18 months before being bottled.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTE

The 2018 Graciano-Garnacha Grano a Grano is an expressive, deep and fresh wine. Another vintage that shows a great balance between maturity and freshness. Aromas of fresh red fruit, spicy notes and elegant toasted notes. On the palate it is elegant and full-bodied, with a very fresh and long finish.

95 POINTS - WINE ADVOCATE

The 2018 Graciano-Garnacha Grano a Grano should be called Garnacha-Graciano, because it's 60% Garnacha and 40% Graciano, two kind of antagonistic grapes but here seem to complement each other. It's floral and peppery, it has great precision, a medium-bodied palate, 13.5% alcohol and very good freshness; it's vibrant and elegant, with very fine chalky tannins. 1,400 bottles were filled in May 2020.

