

Peña El Gato

Garnacha Viñas Centenarias 2015



Wine: Peña el Gato Garnacha Viñas Viejas (Garnacha Old Vines) 2015

Designation of Origin: Baños de Río Tobía, Rioja Alta, D.O.Ca. Rioja, Spain

Vineyard: Organic viticulture.

Grape Variety: 100% Garnacha Tinta.

Vine: Unique 99-year-old vines in bush/goblet system.

Soil: This vineyard is located in the Najerilla Valley at an altitude of 750 meters above sea level, on south-facing slopes. The soils are poor and shallow, with a marked calcareous-clay composition.

Winemaking: After destemming, the grapes are held in new 500-liter French (Tronçais) oak barrels, where alcoholic fermentation, and ageing take place. The wine remains in the barrels with the lees for 11 months. This wine does not undergo malolactic fermentation.

Ageing: 11 months in new 500-liter French oak barrels (Tronçais).

Harvest: Hand-harvested in 15 kg cases in the third week of October. Vineyard yield of 2.500 kg per hectare.

2015 Vintage: Was rated as a "Very Good" year by the Control Board of the Rioja Designation of Origin (D.O.Ca. Rioja). It was the earliest harvest in the history of Rioja and quality was particularly outstanding in the Alto Najerilla Valley, considered as one of the best harvests of the last 20's. It was a year of limited rainfall and higher temperatures significantly, the warmest year in Rioja, Spain and in the world since records began.

Climate: The climate has an Atlantic influence, with cold winters, warm summers and long warm autumns. The strong temperature variation between day and night causes a slow ripening, which is very suitable for producing polyphenols, developing aromas, and giving our wines their characteristic quality. These characteristics highlight the elegance of aromas of this wine.

Production: 2.980 bottles

Analysis:

Alcohol: 15.40 % vol.

pH: 3.45

Total acidity: 5.00 g/l TH₂

Volatile acidity: 0.79 g/l AcH

Total sulfur: 34 mg/l

Residual sugar: 2.1 g/l

Tasting Notes: This wine has a beautiful dark red violet color. Aromatically, it has ripe strawberry and raspberry fruit notes. On the palate, it is a full-bodied complex wine with silky tannins and elegance. It has balanced acidity and longevity in the mouth.