



The best expression of our Garnacha grapes in a wine with great personality. Planted in 1979 under the rugged hillside of the Cerro de la Mesa, the old Garnacha vines deserved to be made into their own separate wine.

A very limited production of just: 2,470 bottles.

2021 VINTAGE. After a mild winter and a very dry spring, June began with heavy rains, and in particular a hail storm which had evident effects on various parts of our vineyards. We managed to recover and the summer, which was unusually cool and very dry, helped the bunches develop well. The rains in September were very well received and fattened up the grapes without spoiling their excellent state of health. The harvest, which lasted longer than usual, produced grapes of exceptional quality.

CLASSIFICATIONS OF THE VINTAGE.

- DOCa Rioja: Very good.
- Álava Viticulture and Oenology Department: Excellent.

VARIETY. 100% Garnacha from the *Pajera* vineyard. Planted in 1979 on the highest terrace on our estate at the foot of the *Cerro de la Mesa*, with calcareous, shallow soil, surrounded by kermes oak vegetation. All this surrounding area and the environmentally-friendly cultivation play a key role in the harmony of the Garnacha de Villota wine.

WINEMAKING. The best bunches are handpicked and sorted on the selection table in the winery. The wine ferments in a tank so as to maintain the identity of this variety and soft pressing. The grapes are bled and part is placed in 500 litre French Oak barrels for 6 months and part is left in the tank so as to preserve the

fruit until we decide it is ready for assemblage. Bottled on 14th February 2023.

TASTING NOTES. Intense aromas with hints of red fruit, acidic strawberry and floral qualities - rose petals. It is smooth and very pleasant on the mouth with few tannins. A very clearly defined acidity that adds tension. Very fine and elegant.

ALCOHOL. 14.5% Vol.



The marvellous affinity between variety and place. Garnacha from old vines. Another way of understanding and enjoying the diversity of the Villota estate.

AWARDS

GUÍA WINE UP 2023

