

LA GARNACHA PERDIDA DEL PIRINEO 2017

The soul of high altitude Garnacha.



ORIGIN

This collection is a tribute to Garnacha, a variety historically forgotten and neglected because of its complicated viticulture, to which we are truly devoted here at Vintae. Both Richi Arambarri, CEO of the company, and Raúl Acha, technical director, come from Alto Najerilla, the area of La Rioja with the highest concentration of old vineyards of this variety, which they both know well. Their family vineyards are the starting point to explore the Ebro Valley in search of the best Garnachas, which transfer the landscape they come from to the glass.

With this project we want to demonstrate that Garnacha is a world-class variety and we do it through six wines made in five different areas of Aragón, Catalonia and Rioja, where we have gone in search of and recovered old vineyards. Richi and Raúl discovered the Garnacha Perdida vineyard by chance in 2015 and instantly fell in love with this highland Garnacha.



Uncastillo







Gold Medal Wine Contest Sub-30 2017. 2014 vintage.

93 points Jamie Goode ratings. 2015 vintage.

91 points & Best Wine Guía Peñín ratings 2018. 2015 vintage.

Bronze Medal **Decanter World Wine** Awards 2017, 2015 vintage.

90 points Peñín Guide 2020. 2016 vintage.







TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varieties: 100% Grenache.

Vineyard: Organic vineyards, planted in 1999, located 800 metres above sea level at the northern tip of the province of Zaragoza. Southeast facing slopes with chalky clay soil, surrounded by typical Mediterranean forest. Low production (2-3 thousand kg/ha).

Harvest: Manual harvest in the middle of October.

Winemaking: Controlled fermentation in vats, malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels.

Aging: 12 months in French oak barrels.

Alcohol content: 14,5% Vol.

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Intense dark cherry colour with deep garnet edges.

Nose: Delicate and highly complex aroma. The combination of ripe black fruits, (blackberries, raspberries and cranberries), orange peel, pepper and balsamic flavors (dill, rosemary and laurel).

Palate: Balanced, fresh and pleasant wine with smooth tannins and long, buttery finish.



Warm year with little rainfall, and with good maturation. Although the Uncastillo vineyard was not affected by the heavy frost at the end of April, it did suffer an intense hailstorm that reduced the harvest and made the wine a little more concentrated than usual in this garnacha.