

BT 2012



Winery: Bodegas Santa Quiteria

Region: Almansa D.O.

Grapes: 100% Garnacha Tintorera

Winery: Formed in 2001 Santa Quiteria's production is focused on a type of Grenache known as Garnacha Tintorera. Other grape varieties used, but to a much lesser extent, are Tempranillo, Syrah, Cabernet and Petit Verdot. The site of the vineyards is at an altitude of between 900 and 1100 meters, which has proven ideal for this special clone of Grenache.

Wine: The Garnacha Tintorera (a.k.a. Alicante Bouschet) for this wine is harvested from 25 year old vineyards on the South-east of the Meseta of central Spain, surrounding the village of Higuera. Fruit for this wine comes from a number of different

vineyard sites with varying altitudes and expositions with sandy and white, chalky clay soils. The vineyards are dry-farmed and trained in the traditional, vaso, vase-like manner. The production focuses on low quantity and high quality.

This wine aims to present the best character of primary fruit. Both maceration and fermentation take place in stainless steel tanks with selected yeasts, first at low temperatures with dry ice to extract color and grape aromas and then at a relatively cool 70° F, to preserve those aromas. Before undergoing malolactic fermentation the grapes are drained and pressed and then the wine is racked back to the stainless steel tanks. The wine is clarified and lightly filtered before bottling.

Reviews:

“Dark berries and cracked pepper on the nose. Sweet and energetic in the mouth, with very good definition to the dark berry and spicecake flavors. Really leads with its fruit, finishing clean, lively, nicely focused and persistent.”

88 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 170, Sept/Oct 2013

“This is a very fragrant fruit forward 100% Garnacha Tintorera with aromas of red berry fruit and rich flavors of pomegranate and spice. It has a pleasant texture, round tannins and a dry finish. Great value.”

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