

`Mimetic` Calatayud Garnacha 2018

Calatayud, Spain



Grape Varieties	98% Garnacha Tinta 2% Other Native Red Varieties
Winemaker	David Seijas Vila
Closure	Synthetic Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	1g/L
Acidity	6.1g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Gallina de Piel is an exciting winemaking project from David Seijas, the former Head Sommelier at three-Michelin-starred restaurant El Bulli. David's aim is to create versatile and food-friendly wines from Spain's gastronomic northern regions: Catalonia, Aragon and Galicia. More recently, he has also explored the volcanic soils of Tenerife. He works with local growers, selecting the best vineyards and indigenous grape varieties to create wines with an emphasis on elegance and a sense of place.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for the 'Mimetic' is sourced from Calatayud in the region of Aragon. Here the climate is warm and continental with very low rainfall. The vines are goblet pruned, providing shade for the fruit. The soils are deep clay soil, with pebbles on the surface. The vines are aged between 35 and 80 years old, producing low yields of concentrated fruit. The vineyards are situated at an altitude of between 750 and 1,000 metres above sea level. This altitude moderates the region's warm climate and provides a wide diurnal range, preserving the grapes' fresh acidity and balance.

VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage experienced high levels of rainfall which followed two particularly dry vintages. A cold winter was followed by a wet spring. Early summer was initially rainy, but a hot August allowed the vines to catch up and ripening occurred gradually through the cooler than usual September which helped the grapes achieve great balance and flavour. Harvest took place later than usual, it began on the 8th of October and lasted three weeks.

VINIFICATION

The grapes underwent cold maceration for three days, 15% of which was whole bunches. Fermentation took place in concrete tanks for three weeks. The wine then underwent full malolactic fermentation and spent six months ageing on fine lees in concrete tanks with periodic bâtonnage.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has notes of ripe plum, blueberries, blackberries and a hint of thyme.