# Pegaso,

# `Pizarra` Cebreros Garnacha 2021 Cebreros, Sierra de Gredos, Spain





| Grape Varieties | 100% Garnacha                     |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Winemaker       | Marc Isart and Aitor Fernandez    |
| Closure         | Natural Cork                      |
| ABV             | 14.5%                             |
| Residual Sugar  | 0.38g/L                           |
| Acidity         | 5.4g/L                            |
| Bottle Sizes    | 75cl                              |
| Notes           | Sustainable, Vegetarian,<br>Vegan |

#### **PRODUCER**

Based in Sierra de Gredos, Pegaso was born from a collaboration between Rioja native Telmo Rodríguez, his long-time business partner Pablo Eguzkiza and two-time world rally champion Carlos Sainz Sr. They named the winery in tribute to Pegaso, a famous 1940s Spanish car manufacturer prized by collectors with an eye for sleek, classic design. Sierra de Gredos is a range of mountains west of Madrid, spanning the provinces of Toledo, Madrid and Avila. The region's rugged landscape, with granite-laced soils, has been home to numerous winemaking families for generations and boasts a wealth of old vine Garnacha. In 1999, Telmo and Pablo purchased their first vineyard, Arrebatacapas, in the village of Cebreros with Carlos Sainz Sr, who lived locally and shared their passion for the region's potential.

#### **VINEYARDS**

The Pizarra vineyards lie on a slate-like metamorphic rock, very rare in the DO Cebreros, and only found at an altitude of between 900-1,000 metres above sea level. Fruit is sourced from over 60-year-old, bush-trained Garnacha vines, yielding 15hl/ha from the vineyards of Arrebatacapas, La Redonda and La Curva sites, mainly with an eastern orientation. The well-draining, low fertility slate soils provide a broader, more approachable texture and fine grained tannins. The resulting wines are harmonious and always fresh and complex. The vines are farmed using organic practices.

## **VINTAGE**

The 2021 vintage was marked by a mild autumn and a very cold winter mainly triggered by a snow storm, Filomena, which left 40 cm of snow and 10 days of sub-zero temperatures. In addition, a frost in April reduced the yields and although it was a year of irregular ripening, the remarkable health of the harvest resulted in a wine of excellent structure and aromas, as well as superb acidity.

### **VINIFICATION**

Whole clusters were picked by hand in small boxes and attentively selected. Upon arrival at the winery, the clusters were destemmed, crushed, and fermented with indigenous yeasts in large, neutral French oak foudres. The wine was then aged for 24 to 30 months in a mix of new and used 400 and 500-litre oak barrels of various origins and ages. The wine was then bottled with no fining or filtering and minimal additional sulphur, in April 2023.

# **TASTING NOTES**

Elegant and fragrant on the nose, Pizzara 2021 impresses with its complex and elegant aromatic expression, marked by notes of violets and lavender, red and black fruit, and balsamic and mineral notes. The medium-to full-bodied palate is broad, with a defined texture, integrated and delicate tannins, and a precise and long finish.