

Álvar de Dios,

`Tío Uco` Castilla y León Tempranillo/Garnacha 2023

Toro, Castilla y León, Spain



ALVAR DE DIOS



PRODUCER

Álvar de Dios Hernández is a Toro native who grew up among his grandfather's old vineyards in the village of El Pego. Inspired by time spent working with Fernando García and Dani Landi in Sierra de Gredos, Álvar founded his own winery in 2014 and now farms 12 hectares of organically and biodynamically certified vines across Toro and nearby Aribes del Duero.

Álvar applies a Burgundian approach to his winemaking, producing elegant and distinctive single vineyard and 'village' wines. To allow Álvar freedom to work outside of the DO requirements, the wines are labelled as Vino de la Tierra de Castilla Y León.

VINEYARDS

The grapes were sourced from three vineyards in El Pego. The vines are between 25 and 93 years old and are planted at 800 metres above sea level, meaning the vineyards of El Pego are some of the highest in the region. The vines benefit from a sandstone layer which sits beneath the sandy soils, which provides the sustenance for the vines to adapt and thrive, despite the region's semi-arid climate.

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage proved to be very warm and dry throughout. There was some rainfall in the spring, yet the summer was very dry and there was a heatwave towards the end of August. Despite some climatic challenges, the vines produced very high quality grapes with excellent concentration and a good acidity.

VINIFICATION

Once hand harvested and transported to the winery, the grapes underwent whole bunch fermentation using indigenous yeasts in stainless steel vats. The wine was then aged in oak foudres for 6-8 months.

TASTING NOTES

Bright ruby in colour, the nose is full of red fruits and complemented by complex nuances of balsamic and spice. The palate is well rounded, full of juicy red fruits and balanced with an excellent acidity.

Grape Varieties	90% Tempranillo 10% Garnacha
Winemaker	Álvar de Dios Hernández
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Wine pH	3.71
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic, Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan