

Álvar de Dios,
`Camino de los Arrieros` Castilla y León 2021
Arribes del Duero , Castilla y León, Spain



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 Arribes 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 the town of Villadepera, which lies on Zamora's provincial border. Villadepera is the northernmost village in Arribes del Duero, situated at 800 metres above sea level. Small plots of local indigenous varieties, between 70 and 90 years old, are planted on soils composed of granite and slate.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was a fairly typical vintage. There was some snow in January and rainfall predominantly in the autumn and spring. The summer was hot and dry, enabling the grapes to reach full ripeness. The grapes produced were very high quality, with good structure and a vibrant acidity.

VINIFICATION

This wine is a field blend of local varieties including Rufete, Bastardo (Trousseau), Trincadeira, Garnacha and Mencía. Once harvested and transported to the winery, the grapes remained in whole bunches for fermentation, which took place over the course of 15 days in stainless steel vats. The wine was then aged for 6- 8 months in 228 litre barrels where malolactic fermentation occurred, prior to bottling without fining or filtering.

TASTING NOTES

Bright ruby in colour, the nose is full of red berries, perfumed floral notes and a delicate minerality. The palate is well balanced, with juicy red fruits and an exuberant freshness.

Grape Varieties	40% Other Native Red Varieties 30% Trincadeira/Tinta Amarela 15% Bastardo 15% Mencía
Winemaker	Álvar de Dios Hernández
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12.5%
Wine pH	3.32
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic, Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan