

Álvar de Dios,

`Aciano` Castilla y León Tinta de Toro 2020

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 Álvar's oldest single vineyard in El Pego, the same village where Álvar's winery is located. At 800 metres above sea level, the vineyards of El Pego are some of the highest in the region. Planted in 1919, the ungrafted vines thrive on sandy soils, producing very high quality grapes.

VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage began with a very wet autumn, which was followed by a cold and snowy winter. Spring arrived with more rainfall and uncharacteristically warm temperatures. The summer was very mild and there were numerous storms, which reduced the yields. Despite the challenges faced in the vineyards, the quality of the grapes was excellent, with a fine balance between acidity and texture.

VINIFICATION

Once harvested and transported to the winery, the grapes remained in whole bunches for fermentation. The wine was then aged for 12 months in large oak foudres, followed by a further 6 months in concrete before bottling without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

Named after Álvar's grandfather, this wine is bright ruby in colour, and the nose is full of wild blackberries and herbaceous notes, complemented by delicate floral aromas. On the palate, the flavours of wild berries are plentiful and the resulting wine is very well balanced, with great structure and silky tannins.

Grape Varieties	100% Tinta de Toro
Winemaker	Álvar de Dios Hernández
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Wine pH	4.59
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic, Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan