

Pegaso,

‘Pizarra’ Cebreros Garnacha 2022

Cebreros, Sierra de Gredos, Spain



Grape Varieties	100% Garnacha
Winemaker	Marc Isart and Aitor Fernandez
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15%
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, 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 2022 vintage was a demanding year defined by the scarcity of water reserves throughout the summer and intense heat. The year began with a mild winter followed by a cool spring that left a frost on 3rd April that did not significantly affect the vineyard. The second half of spring and summer were very dry, generating significant water stress. The harvest started on 25th August with a slightly larger crop than the previous year and finished on 19th September. The year's conditions demanded expertise and dedication; while Garnacha is a rustic and well-adapted variety, 2022 was exceptionally demanding.

VINIFICATION

Whole cluster grapes were picked by hand in small boxes and attentively selected. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes were destemmed, crushed, and fermented with indigenous yeasts in large, neutral French oak foudres. The wine was then aged for 12 months in a mix of new and used 400, 500 and 600-litre oak barrels of various origins and ages. The wine was then bottled with no fining or filtering and minimal additional sulphur.

TASTING NOTES

Elegant and fragrant, Pizarra Cebreros shows a refined aromatic profile of violets and lavender layered with red and black berry fruit, balsamic lift and subtle mineral notes. The palate is medium-to full-bodied and broad in feel, with a defined texture, finely integrated, delicate tannins and excellent balance, leading to a precise, long and poised finish.