

DON RAMON GARNACHA TEMPRANILLO

2019/\$10.99



DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1984, Bodegas Aragonesas is a 100% farmer owned cooperative and the largest wine estate in Spain's Campo de Borja region, where grapes have been grown for over 800 years. The winery is located in the small town of Fuendejalón among the foothills of the Sierra Moncayo Mountains in the northern province of Zaragoza. Garnacha is indigenous to Campo de Borja and is the signature variety of Bodegas Aragonesas. The extremely dry, hot climate and stark contrast between day and night time temperatures are ideal for making fruity, aromatic wines from this late ripening variety. The vineyards are rocky, highly elevated and ideally exposed to the sun. In recent years, international varieties have been planted to add complexity to the estate's blends, however they use primarily old-vine Grenache. These Grenache vineyards - some planted over 100 years ago -- produce exceptionally low yields, ensuring deep ruby color and rich, full-bodied flavors that are both soft and complex. At all levels, Bodegas Aragonesas' wines are approachable, balanced, smooth and fruity. At the same time, the wines are always crafted with a sense of place and respect for the qualities that make Garnacha unique.

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This Don Ramon is a blend of 75% Old Vine Garnacha and 25% Old Vine Tempranillo. From Campo de Borja in the town of Fuendejalón. The vineyards are high hills and plateaus between the Sierra Moncayo Mountains and the Ebro River Valley. They have North East exposure at an elevation of 1150-1800 feet above sea level. The soil is calcareous lime; moderate rockiness and organic matter content with good drainage and nutrient levels. The average age of the vines is 25 years. Traditional winemaking. Each variety is vinified on its own. Aged three months in a mix of used and new American Oak casks. The final wine is bottle aged for a minimum of three months prior to release.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

This wine has aromas of blackberry, caramel, and baking spice.

Palate:

This dry, medium bodied red wine is delicious and easy to drink, with bright aromatics, supple red fruit flavors, hints of vanilla and a soft, smooth texture with balanced acidity. It possesses flavors of clove, licorice, and eucalyptus alongside cherry and cassis. Soft tannins and bright acidity keep it afloat into the finish.

Pairing:

Excellent on its own or with anything from light cheeses and fish to roasted meats and vegetables. Vegan friendly.

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