



ERIC SOLOMON SELECTIONS

PLACE OVER PROCESS

Altovinum 2010 Evodia

Origin
Spain

Appellation
D.O. Calatayud

Varieties
100% Garnacha

Vineyards
Located outside the vineyards of Atea

Age of Vines
Up to 100 years

Farming
Sustainable

Altitude
2400-3000 feet

Soil
Shiste

Aging
In tank

EVODIA is an exciting project in the Denominacion de Origen Calatayud, hailed as one of Spain's most progressive and promising wine growing regions. Calatayud is distinguished by its prevalence of high elevation vineyards planted to the Garnacha variety – in fact, the highest in the entire country. The vineyards surrounding the small town of Atea reach upwards of 3000 feet – the highest within the DO. It is here, in the vineyards of Atea, that Altovinum sources their Garnacha grapes for EVODIA. In addition to the remarkable climate due to elevation, the property is comprised of pure schiste soils, known as pisara in the local area. Aficionados familiar with the wines of the Priorat and the Roussillon are well acquainted to this soil type and its extraordinary influence on the wines. These vineyards were ferreted out by the amazingly talented team behind Altovinum - Eric Solomon, Jean Marc Lafage and Yolanda Diaz. Yolanda Diaz, a native of Calatayud, has an intimate knowledge of the DO and its terroir – her relationships in the region are an invaluable asset to the project. The winemaking is placed in the capable hands of dynamic enologist, Jean Marc Lafage – a man Robert Parker called “irrepressible.” Jean Marc consults on projects worldwide and owns one of the Roussillon's visionary wineries, Domaine Lafage. And finally, Eric Solomon, a self appointed Grenache practitioner – through his import company, European Cellars, he represents the finest Grenache producers in the world.

Tasting Notes

“Floral and fresh smelling, with rosy notes, blueberry and nary any funk, leather or earth. Vibrant and juicy in the mouth, with boysenberry and plum flavors that set up a fruity, clean finish.” – Wine Enthusiast

Accolades

2010 Vintage – 90 points, The Wine Advocate
 2010 Vintage – 88 points, Wine Enthusiast, #52 TOP 100 BEST BUY
 2009 Vintage – 89 points, International Wine Cellar
 2009 Vintage – 89 points, The Wine Advocate