



COMANDO G

La Breña 1er Cru

A short distance from Madrid, the rugged, weathered peaks of the Sierra de Gredos serve as a refreshingly cool retreat from the heat and bustle of the capital. Ancient hilltop towns and cottages dot the tortured landscape of alpine meadows, tumbled boulders, and thick scrub brush. Clustered around this rugged range are three DOs: Cebreros, Mentrída, and Viños de Madrid. Once known for producing reliably inexpensive and straightforward country wines to slake the capital's thirst, the rediscovery and revitalization of vineyards high up in the Sierra de Gredos has revolutionized and redefined winemaking in this region. These nearly abandoned, once obscure, and seemingly inauspicious vines possessed a hidden expression of Garnacha where the pale color belies the depth and intensity of the fruit and *terruño* expression. Rather than the explosive and expansive character typical of Garnacha, they revealed wines that turned this energy inward, creating a sense of thrilling weightlessness and energy that crackles with red fruit and minerality. Among the pioneers recovering these vineyards were Dani Landi and Fernando Garcia.

ORIGIN

Spain

APPELLATION

Cebreros

SOIL

Granite, Sand, Silt

AGE OF VINES

70

ELEVATION

1050 meters

VARIETIES

Garnacha

FARMING

In conversion to organic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, whole-cluster, natural yeast fermentation in an oak vat, 67-day maceration

AGING

14 months in 12HL and 14HL oak foudres

Dani & Fer, friends since childhood, returned home to the Sierra de Gredos after completing their education in enology: Daniel at his family's estate, Bodegas Jimenez-Landi, and Fernando at Bodega Marañones. Drawn to the mountains and rumors of small, nearly inaccessible vineyard plots located high in the Sierra de Gredos, over time, they began purchasing and leasing the best sites they could find before going out on their own in 2008 with the founding of Comando G. Along with the pioneers of the Priorat, Daniel and Fernando are redefining what was previously viewed as a workhorse variety, Garnacha, into something that can rival the elegance and finesse of Pinot in Burgundy or Syrah in the northern Rhône. Their persistence in the belief of Garnacha and the Gredos and their tireless efforts have made them famous worldwide.

La Breña is a 0.5-hectare parcel of Garnacha a short distance from Rumbo al Norte. La Breña is more open and forward with rounder tannins but shares a similarly sleek expression as its neighbor. It is the perfect contrast to the Rozas 1er Cru, which comes from slightly warmer vineyards at a lower elevation.

ACCOLADES

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