



# COMANDO G

## Rozas 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: Cebreiros, 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 terroir 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 García.

### ORIGIN

Spain

### APPELLATION

Vinos de Madrid

### SOIL

Sandy granite, silt

### AGE OF VINES

50–60

### ELEVATION

900 meters

### VARIETIES

Garnacha

### FARMING

In conversion to organic

### FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, natural yeast  
fermentation in an open-topped oak vat

### AGING

10 months in a 14HL concrete tulip and  
a 15HL oak foudre

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.

Rozas 1er Cru comes from 6 vineyard plots, totaling 6 ha, of Garnacha located near Rozas de Puerto Real and at the foot of Cerro de los Corzos where the Las Umbrias vineyard located. Similar to its "little" sibling, La Bruja, Rozas 1er Cru is a lithe and winsome example of mountain Garnacha, but with a deeper minerality and slightly firmer tannin, hence the Burgundian inspired name.

### ACCOLADES

94 – 2023 Rozas 1er Cru – James Suckling

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