



DANI LANDI

Las Uvas de la Ira Albillo

A short distance away from Madrid, the rugged, weathered peaks of the Sierra de Gredos serve as a refreshingly cool retreat from the heat and the 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 rocky spine are several DOs most notably Mentrída and Viños de Madrid which are best known for producing reliably inexpensive and simple country wines to slake the thirst of the capital. But viticulture in Spain is ancient and tenacious so the adventurous can also find vineyards planted in the most impossible places including rockfalls and natural amphitheaters high up in the most remote places.

Dani Landi is a native of this region. Growing up in Mentrída in a family of vineyard owners and farmers, he knew he wanted to do more than grow bulk grapes and sell them to the local cooperative. Instead he envisioned making wines from his family's vineyards. For many years he was the winemaker at Bodegas Jimenez-Landi a company he formed with his cousin but in he left in 2012 to create his own eponymous label. In doing so he kept part of his family's inheritance as well as a few sites that he had purchased or leased himself. All of these sites are small isolated vineyards of Garnacha and Albillo perched high up in the Sierra de Gredos. While they bear various DO designations they are all sites with sandy weathered soils, high in elevation and meticulously and biodynamically farmed. Along with the pioneers of the Priorat, Dani is 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 Hermitage.

Las Uvas de la Ira Albillo is sourced from a single parcel of 60 year old vines planted on sandy slate and quartz soils near the village of Cebreros in the Sierra de Gredos. This distinctive terroir and its elevation makes for an Albillo that is more mineral, vertical and precise than versions grown on granitic sands but one that bears the hallmarks of this variety in its orchard fruit flavors. Due to its elevation, and the early-budding tendencies of Albillo, this site is struck by frost in many vintages - hence all the skipped vintages.

ORIGIN

Spain

APPELLATION

Tierra de Castilla y León

SOIL

Sandy slate, quartz

AGE OF VINES

60

ELEVATION

900

VARIETIES

Albillo

FARMING

Practicing organic and biodynamic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, natural yeast fermentation in a single, neutral 300L French oak barrel

AGING

12 months in a single, neutral 300L French oak barrel

ACCOLADES

92 – 2012 Las Uvas de la Ira Albillo – Wine Advocate

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