



GALIA CASTILLA Y LEON

Jerome Bougnaud is in the fourth generation of a family of winegrowers from the Cognac region in France. Despite his roots and formal training in France, he has made a name for himself in Spain where he's worked closely with Peter Sisseck at Quinta Sardonía and Pingus as well as El Regajal in the D.O. of Vinos de Madrid. A true vigneron at heart, he is equally comfortable in the vineyards as well as the cellar. His years of experience in the Duero led to the creation of Galia in 2009 – a personal project he formed with the technical director of El Regajal, Daniel Garcia Pita.

The foundation of Galia is a collection of vineyards along the Duero in the provinces of Soria, Burgos and Valladolid. These are old vineyards ranging in elevation from 795 to close to 1000 meters above sea level. Because these scattered plots were chosen for their potential, rather than their geographic proximity, their main wine, Galia Villages, is bottled as a Vino de Mesa. In fact because many of these sites were located outside the borders of established D.O.s, they might have been lost to future generations had Jerome not decided to utilize them for his project.

In Piquera de San Esteban in Soria Jerome has 9 plots totalling 2.5 hectares of vines. They are located just outside the border of Ribera del Duero at an average elevation of 975 meters above sea level. These are head-pruned, pre-phylloxera vines of Tempranillo with a small amount of Albillo planted on sandy and gravelly soils over limestone bedrock.



In Fuentelcésped, in the province of Burgos, Jerome farms a 0.81 hectare plot of Tempranillo that was planted in 1960. This site is located on a terrace of gravelly sand and limestone at an elevation of 852 meters above sea level. Also in the province of Burgos but in the village of Hontangas, Jerome has two plots of Garnacha planted on sandy gravel at an elevation of 911 meters. These vines were planted in 1920. Nearby is a steep, north-facing, 0.37 hectare plot of Tempranillo planted in calcareous clay soils and dating to 1930.

In Segovia, near Cuevas de Provanco, Jerome has 9 plots altogether totaling 1 hectare. These are all head-pruned Tempranillo vines planted around 1920. These are all steep, north-facing sites on calcareous clays soils at an average elevation of 920 meters.

In the province of Valladolid, Jerome has three plots of vines on gravelly, calcareous clay in two villages – a 0.80 hectare, north-facing vineyard of Tempranillo and Garnacha at an elevation of 850 meters and planted in 1920 near Quintanilla de Onesimo, and 1.75 hectares of Tempranillo divided between two plots planted in 1930 near Trigueros del Valle.

Galia is always a Tempranillo-based wine with about 7% Garnacha and a tiny amount of Albillo. Each site is harvested by hand and fermented by indigenous yeasts at the small winery located in Villanueva de Duero. The Garnacha is fermented whole cluster while the Tempranillo ferments with about 30% whole clusters. After primary fermentation the wine is transferred to 225L and 600L French oak barrels (15% new) where it ages for 19 months before being bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.



FACTS & FIGURES

FOUNDED

2009

PROPRIETOR

Jerome Bougnaud & Daniel Garcia Pita

WINEMAKER

Jerome Bougnaud

SIZE

10 ha

ELEVATION

795-1000 meters above sea level

SOILS

Clay limestone, sand, gravel, sandstone

VINE AGE

50-100+ years old

VARIETIES

Tempranillo, Garnacha, Albillo

FARMING

Practicing organic

HARVEST

Manual

CELLAR

Hand harvested, whole cluster and partial whole cluster, natural yeast fermentation in concrete tanks and oak vats, aging in 225L and 600L French oak barrels (15% new)