



CUEVAS DE AROM

As Ladieras

Fernando Mora wasn't born into a winemaking family, but at young age, he started making wines in an apartment in Zaragoza. A native of Aragon, Fernando realized that the native variety of his place of birth, Garnacha, could be far more than the custom labels and bulk wines upon which the region based its early success. So, first, at Bodegas Frontonio, then launching Cuevas de Arom in Campo de Borja before moving it to Calatayud and partnering with Bodegas San Alejandro, Fernando Mora sought out the most expressive, uniquely situated, high-elevation, and oldest vines of Garnacha to show that the Garnacha from Aragon could be as winsome, complex, and ethereal as any Garnacha made in the rest of Spain if not the world.

Fernando Mora launched Cuevas de Arom in Campo de Borja but due to challenges with the DO, moved his project to Calatayud where Yolanda Diaz, the technical director for Bodegas San Alejandro, saw the potential for a partnership with Fernando Mora's drive and enthusiasm combined with her access to the best vineyards among the many members of the cooperative. From this partnership Fernando has created a regional wine in Altas Parcelas, a village wine with As Ladieras and two single vineyard offerings: Os Cantals from sandy red-clay soils, and Tuca Negra from a sandy slate and quartzite terruño.

With the 2020 vintage, Fernando Mora moved As Ladieras cuvée to a single, north-facing hillside of 50+-year-old, head-pruned vines of Garnacha in Calatayud. This relatively cooler site with its sandy slate and quartzite soils is considered the 1er cru of Cuevas de Arom. Only 650 cases and a few magnums are produced in an average vintage.

ORIGIN

Spain

APELLATION

Calatayud

SOIL

Slate, quartzite, sand

AGE OF VINES

50+

ELEVATION

800-950 meters

VARIETIES

Garnacha

FARMING

Sustainable

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, 100% whole-cluster, natural yeast fermentation in concrete tanks, manual punch downs, 70-day maceration

AGING

15 months in concrete eggs, a 30HL Austrian oak foudre, and a concrete tank

ACCOLADES

94 – 2021 As Ladieras – Wine Advocate

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