VIÑEDOS de MATALLANA / Ribera del Duero

Matallana (2014)

Since 1998, we have come to appreciate Ribera del Duero in a different way. We are committed to the recuperation of villages with great viticultural traditions by restoring exceptional old vineyards and by re-planting the villages' best sites "the old way" (respect of the plot, field blend of local massal selection, traditional planting density, bush vines...). From the northern area of Sotillo de la Ribera with its calcareous slopes to the reddish mountains of Pardilla in the south, we chose five villages with different soils and landscapes. We believe that by combining their best elements we can create a unique Ribera del Duero wine. Today, Matallana has eleven vineyards totalling 21.5 ha. These vineyards are the guarantee of the integrity of our wines. The absurd regulations in our country have not permitted us to show the names of the vineyards on the label: we decided to maintain them, blacked out — one day they will see the light.

REGION

Ribera del Duero

VILLAGES

Sotillo de la Ribera, Roa, Fuentecén, Fuentemolinos y Pardilla.

PLACES

El Bosque, La Guiruela, Cascajoroa, Carrahoyales, Los Grijos, La Requina, Herrera, Los Mochos, La Cal, Hoyo Lucas, La Pardilla.

VARIETIES

Tinto Fino, Navarro, Valenciano, Albillo and others.

VITICULTURE

Traditional planting densities, bush vines. Organic viticulture, manual harvest in boxes.

ELABORATION AND AGING

Fermentation in oak vats and tanks, with native yeasts. Aged for 14 months in French oak barrels.

SOILS

Very diverse - clay soils, red feldspar soils, petrocalcic soils, terraces developed from loams, conglomerates and sandstones.

VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

A mild winter with regular rainfall was followed by a warm and dry spring. The summer in turn was cool and dry, ripening was delayed. Frequent rains before harvest made appear some botrytis. Precise and consistent viticulture was necessary to offer the best.

Camino Jardín 09441 Sotillo de la Ribera, Burgos

