Acentor 2011



Winery: Isaac Fernandez Seleccion Region: Calatayud D.O. Grapes: 100% Garnacha Tinta (Red Grenache)

Winery: Isaac Fernandez Selection is the newest venture of the famous winemaker, Isaac Fernandez, who has spent more than 25 years producing some of the best wines in northern Spain. He seeks to respect the identity of each vineyard and to nurture wines that balance power, finesse and purity with the capacity to age.

Wine: This wine is produced from old vines, aged 50 years and older which are trained en vaso. The vineyards are located between 750 and 1000 meters above sea level and have iron-rich clay soils with many large stones.

Fruit for this wine was hand harvested in late September. The grapes were destemmed and fermented in cement tanks. Malo-lactic fermentation was also completed in cement. Following fermentation the wine was aged for 4 months in a combination of 50% used French oak barrels and 50% used American oak barrels.

Reviews:

"The 2011 Acentor Garnacha reveals a somewhat darker profile than the 2012. It displays a dark ruby color and aromas of plum, earth, slate/minerals and herbs. It is soft and round on the palate with good flavor intensity, a velvet mouth feel, soft tannins and a long finish." **89+ points** *International Wine Review* Issue 39, Nov/Dec 2013

"Deep ruby. Spice-accented aromas of dark berries and cherry compote, with a hint of licorice in the background. Intensely fruity in the mouth, offering jammy blackberry and blueberry flavors and a touch of bitter chocolate. Closes smooth and broad, with good energy and lingering blue fruit notes."

89 points International Wine Cellar Issue 170, Sept/Oct 2013

"Spicy berry flavors are typical of good, inexpensive Spanish garnacha, and this wine delivers them, along with smoky earthiness for added interest. Not a particularly complex wine, just a really fun one. Another hit from sommelier-turned-importer Aurelio Cabestrero."

** Stars (excellent) Washington Post Issue Wednesday, April 3, 2013



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