

Acentor Garnacha 2018 (red wine)



Isaac Fernandez Seleccion is a unique collaborative venture between two individuals – Isaac Fernandez one of Spain’s most acclaimed winemakers and Aurelio Cabestrero whose vision and commitment helped bring Spanish wines to the forefront in the United States.

2011 was a busy year for the partners as they launched several new wines, a Verdejo from Rueda, a Bobal from Utiel-Requena and this project focused on beautiful old vines of Garnacha grown on the high slopes of Calatayud in what was once the ancient kingdom of Aragon. *Acentor* is named for the small brown birds, similar to starlings which come to eat ripe grapes, always a sign that they are nearly ripe enough to make great wine.

Appellation	Calatayud D.O.
Grapes	100% Garnacha, from 50+ year-old, bush vines
Altitude / Soil	750-900 meters / iron-rich red clay with abundant surface stones
Farming Methods	Traditional Methods
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Destemmed grapes were fermented in cement tanks
Aging	Aged for 5 months in used, 50% French and 50% American oak barrels
UPC / SCC / Pack	8-437012-498068 / 8-437012-498075 / 12

Reviews:

“From Calatayud, this shows smoky tones that combine with the core of red fruits on the nose. The palate has a good degree of freshness with sour red fruits that dance with minerals and smoky undertones. I really like the combination of tension and weight here, as this excellent value wine is best enjoyed over the next five years. Drink 2020-2025.”

90 points *Washington Wine Blog*; Dr. Owen J. Bargreen, CS - July 2020

“The 2018 Acentor Garnacha is produced from vines in excess of fifty years of age. Like the Legado del Moncayo version, the soils here are clay and iron, with plenty of stones. The wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts and aged in a combination of older French and American barrels for seven months prior to bottling. The 2018 vintage here delivers a fine bouquet of red and black raspberries, bonfire, grilled meats, a bit of pepper, a good base of soil and a bit of lavender in the upper register. On the palate the wine is ripe, full-bodied and nicely balanced, with a good core, ripe tannins and a long, complex and focused finish. This is fine juice and, once again, really a stellar value! 2020-2035+.”

88+ points *View from the Cellar*; Issue #86 - March/April 2020

