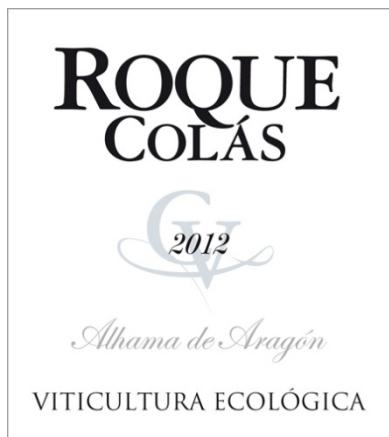


# Roque Colas 2012 (Red Wine)



Roque Colas was started in 2010 by Carmelo Colas and his two sons Cesar and Mario. The wine is produced from estate-grown vineyards which are organically farmed and have been certified organic since 2002. The vineyards are mostly 85 year old vine Garnacha, which the family has been growing for 5 generations in the rugged highlands of Alhama de Aragon, Calatayud in Northeastern Spain. Yields are tiny, only; 2,000-3,500 kg/ha (from less than 1 ton/acre to about 1.5 tons/acre).

<b>Appellation</b>	D.O. Calatayud
<b>Grapes</b>	Garnacha 45%, Tempranillo 30%, Cabernet Sauvignon 25%
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	650-700 meters / iron-rich alluvial (clay/sand) soil with abundant, large stones
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Certified Organic for over 20 years
<b>Harvest</b>	Each variety was hand harvested separately into small boxes
<b>Production</b>	Native yeast ferment, daily punchdown, 15 day with skins, malolactic conversion in barrel
<b>Aging</b>	Varieties were aged separately for 18-22 months in 80% French and 20% American barrels
<b>UPC / SCC</b>	8 437015 156019 / 18437015156016 / 6

## Reviews:

"Opaque ruby. A wild, highly perfumed bouquet evokes ripe red berries, incense and smoky minerals, with a floral nuance building in the glass. Sweet, seamless and concentrated, offering intense black raspberry and cherry liqueur flavors given spine by juicy acidity. Closes broad and very long, with smooth tannins coming in late to add gentle grip. This sexy wine was aged for 22 months in 80% French and 20% American oak barrels, 10% of them new. 2018 – 2022" **92 points Vinous Media**; December 2015

"The 2012 Roque Colás is comprised of a blend of thirty-five percent Garnacha, thirty percent Tempranillo, thirty percent Cabernet Sauvignon and five percent Merlot. The vineyards are all tended organically, with the vine age ranging from seventeen up to eighty-five years of age. The 2012 is a ripe wine, coming in at a full fifteen percent, with the wine raised in ten percent new oak, with the remainder of the casks of varying ages and predominantly French in origin. The wine is impressively well-balanced for its octane, offering up a deep and complex nose of ripe black cherries, black raspberries, dark chocolate, discreet balsamic tones, woodsmoke, chicory, a dollop of garrigue and just a touch of cedar wood. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and sappy at the core, with some chewy tannins, fine focus and grip and a long, slightly warm finish. 2012 was quite the short crop and perhaps in other vintages, the octane of this very well-made wine is a bit lower. Still, this wine is pretty light on its feet for its octane. 2016-2025+? (For those who do not mind this level of alcohol, add fully four points here, as this wine is very well-made in its headier style.)" **89 points View from the Cellar**; February 2016

