

Aptus 2020 (Red Wine)



Winemaker, Miguel Ángel Peñalba Martínez, has lived in Ribera del Duero for his whole life. He studied Chemistry, wine making and business and has been managing over 250 hectares of grapes for more than 10 years. He has transitioned many of these vineyards from traditional agriculture to organic practices and continues onward to biodynamic management of these sites.

He produces two wines from vineyards that he controls, incorporating biodynamic practices in all aspects of farming and harvest. All of the grapes are sourced from villages around Aranda del Duero and include historic varieties that are now exceptionally rare in the area including Albillo, Garnacha and Monastrell. Grapes are harvested into small boxes so that they arrive to the winery intact and in the best possible quality.

Appellation	Ribera del Duero D.O.
Grapes	95% Tempranillo, 5% Garnacha and Monastrell
Altitude / Soil	800 meters / sand and gravel with clay at lower elevations
Farming Methods	certified organic methods; biodynamic farming (not certified)
Harvest	hand harvested on Sept 30 and Oct 1 in relation to the lunar calendar and with respect to biodynamic "fruit" day
Production	3-day cold maceration, fermentation with native microbes for 8 additional days with skins, malolactic conversion in barrel
Aging	Aged between 6-8 months in used, 80% French and 20% American oak barrels.
UPC / SCC / Pack	8437009198124 / 18437009198121 / 12

Reviews:

“The 2020 Aptus Tinto from Bodegas Peñalba Herraiz is produced from a cépages of ninety-five percent Tempranillo and the other five percent a mix of Garnacha. The 2020 vintage comes in at 14.5 percent octane this year and delivers a lovely, complex nose of red and black cherries, dark chocolate, cigar wrapper, a good base of soil and a nice framing of cedary new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, ripe and full-bodied, with a fine core of fruit, firm, buried tannins, good focus and a long, well-balanced and gently warm finish. This is a good bottle in the making, which I would love to have seen just a touch lower in alcohol, but that is the nature of global warming in Ribera del Duero these days. 2028-2055.”

90 points *View from the Cellar*; John Gilman – Issue #98 March/April 2022

