

Legado del Moncayo Garnacha 2020 (Red Wine)



Isaac Fernández Selección is a unique collaborative venture between two individuals – Isaac Fernández 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. They work at rediscovering forgotten regions of superior terroir and maximizing the potential from old vines of indigenous grape varieties in a number of regions.

2013 was the first vintage of Legado del Moncayo, a subtly oaked, old vine Garnacha from Campo de Borja. This wine compliments their existing offering from Calatayud as it offers more floral, red fruit aromas and lighter weight. In 2014 they added an unoaked wine made from younger vines, a delicious wine priced to be enjoyed every day. In 2015 they expanded the line again with a unique expression of Garnacha Blanca, an exceedingly rare grape in the area. Finally, in 2016, they produced their first dry Muscat, a highly aromatic, white wine that pairs beautifully with intensely flavored foods.

Appellation	Campo de Borja D.O.
Grapes	100% Garnacha Tinta, from 25-year-old-vines
Altitude / Soil	560-600 meters / gravelly, chalky loam
Farming Methods	Traditional methods
Harvest	Hand harvested fruit
Production	Grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed prior to fermentation in stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged for a few months in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling, no oak.
UPC / SCC / Pack	8-437012-498419 / 8-437012-498426 / 12

Reviews:

“The 2020 Garnacha from Legado del Moncayo is another fine vintage for this consistent producer in the mountain’s foothills of Moncayo. The wine offers up a ripe and vibrant nose of red and black cherries, grilled game, garrigue, limestone minerality, a touch of Châteauneuf-like fruit cake and a topnote of bonfire. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and nicely sappy at the core, with good soil undertow, modest tannins and a long, complex and very nicely balanced finish. Fine juice that is very tasty out of the blocks, but will also age quite well. 2021-2035.”

90+ points View from the Cellar; John Gilman – Issue #92 March/April 2021

“I really liked the 2019 version of this wine and the 2020 is a fine follow-up. As readers may recall, this wine hails from vineyards that sit at the foot of an extinct volcano, with the average age of the vines twenty-five years of age. The soils are a combination of volcanic gravel and chalky loam. The 2020 bottling comes in at an even fourteen percent and delivers a fine bouquet of black raspberries, fruitcake, smoked meats, a good base of stony soil, pepper, garrigue and a topnote of bonfire. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and moderately tannic, with an excellent core of fruit, tangy acids (from the volcanic soils), fine focus and a long, complex and nicely balanced finish. The 2020 Legado del Moncayo is approachable today if you do not mind a bit of youthful tanning but will be even better five years down the road. Yet again, this is a terrific value! 2022-2040.”

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

“Limpid violet. Primary red and blue fruit aromas are complemented by building floral and spice accents. Juicy and energetic on the palate, offering gently sweet boysenberry and cherry flavors and a hint of bitter chocolate. Closes long and spicy, with repeating blue fruit character and gently gripping tannins. All stainless steel. 2022-2027”

90 points Vinous; Josh Reynolds – July 6, 2021 *Central Spain Additions*

