El Escocés Volante, Dos Dedos de Frente 2020

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— Calatayud, Spain

2020 Vintage

James Suckling
External 2024

This single-vineyard, high altitude, late-ripening Syrah blend is a ripe, meaty and supple red in the Rhà´ne style whilst retaining a delicate perfumed character too.

Production

Predominantly Syrah with a touch of Viognier, all the grapes were sourced from the Finca del Val vineyard in Villarroya de la Sierra. This was planted in 2000, and is made up of 2 hectares of Syrah and 0.4ha Viognier at 950 metres altitude - the soil is strewn with pudding stones. The grapes were hand picked into 20kg cases, and stored at 1-2 degrees for 48 hours in a cool room before gentle crushing and cold soak for a further 6 days. Then the must was warmed and fermentation began with punch downs and pigeage. The Viognier and Syrah grapes were harvested at the same time and were co-fermented. Then the wine was aged for 14 months in a mixture of old 650 litre French oak pipes, 500 litre old puncheons from Sylvain (French oak) and a very low toast selection of 500 litre Stockinger (Austrian) barrels.

Tasting note

The nose has savoury, meaty characters alongside black fruit and violet notes. It's rich and full-bodied with ripe black cherry fruit, black olive, and floral hints. Well-integrated oak adds fine tannins and a touch of spice on the long finish.

Food Match

ABV:
14.00%

Case/Bottle Size:
6x 75cl

Closure:
Cork

Category:
Sustainable

Grape Varieties:
Syrah 94%, Viognier 6%

Suitable for:
Vegan

Bottle Barcode:
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