



AALTO

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TECHNICAL SHEET AALTO 2015

Climatic conditions:

In general, winter was neither too rainy nor too cold, steady apart from a cold February which saw temperatures drop to -5 degrees with some snow. This led in to a cooler than average spring with some minor frost in April, but budbreak occurred in May amidst a warm spell in which temperatures reached 30 degrees. In the end, flowering was a little ahead of time. Rain in June aided healthy development for the vines while July brought with it a two week heat wave. August returned to normality, with warm days and cool nights, beneficial for the change of colour and ripening cycle. We started harvesting on September 20th and finished on October 6th. Grapes arrived at our winery perfectly healthy and ripe.

Grape origin:

100 % Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), primarily very old vines -40 to 80 years old- from seven different villages in the province of Burgos, plus younger grapes from our own vineyards in two villages in the province of Valladolid.

As always, harvest was done by hand in small boxes of 15 kilos and thoroughly inspected, bunch by bunch, on the selection table.

Average oak ageing:

Aged for 16 months in 50% new barrels of French and American oak.

Bottling:

AALTO 2015 was bottled in late June 2017.

Tasting notes:

Deep purple red colour, as corresponds to old Tempranillo grapes. On the nose we perceive good fruit intensity, a great deal of freshness and hints of well integrated wood. On the palate we find all the elements one can expect from a great vintage: complexity, tannic structure, intensity and elegance. The typical flavours of our grape and our region are evident with liquorice, black berries, tobacco and spice, always with the distinct style of AALTO. This wine can be enjoyed now but will benefit from a time in the bottle, and will improve and gain complexity over many years if properly cellared.

Analyses: Alcohol by volume: 14.5% vol. pH: 3.85 Total acidity: 5.04 gr/l

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AALTO was created in February 1999 when Mariano García – who had been Vega Sicilia’s winemaking director for 30 years – and Javier Zaccagnini – for 6 years head of Ribera del Duero’s Consejo Regulador – decided to join their expertise in a very special project: to make a wine that in a space of 15-20 years should reach the quality of the best wines in the world. Also, from the very beginning this wine had to exhibit distinct personality.

AALTO is based on three solid pillars:

- The exceptional quality of old Tinto Fino clones (Tempranillo vines which have adapted to Ribera del Duero’s climate and soils). We believe that Tinto Fino can offer similar quality to the world’s best known varieties: Cabernet in the Médoc, Pinot Noir in Burgundy, Syrah in the Rhône, etc.
- The considerable complexity of our soils combined with the microclimate of our region.
- The winemaking talent and vast experience of Mariano García.

The AALTO project has been one of continual development. We now cultivate 110 hectares of old block Tinto Fino vines in nine villages within the region denominated as Ribera del Duero. We designed and built a modern winery in Quintanilla de Arriba, following strict criteria to ensure optimal winemaking conditions. We use a low temperature chamber to cool harvested grapes prior to de-stemming and harness gravity to move grapes and musts around the winery, thus avoiding aggressive pumps. We ferment in wood, concrete and stainless steel, employing tanks designed by us. Our two underground oak-ageing halls offer excellent natural conditions to allow perfect malolactic fermentation in wood and gentle, controlled barrel ageing.

We offer two wines:

AALTO is the result of our extremely careful selection of grapes combined with expert winemaking. It is a high quality wine which we make every year, except when the climate hinders perfect grape ripening.

AALTO PS (Pagos Seleccionados), is our top wine. It is a selection within the selection, from the very best areas (Pagos) of our vineyards. We expect to be able to offer AALTO PS six or seven vintages each decade.

Today AALTO is widely regarded as one of Spain’s leading wineries. AALTO PS 2001 was voted Spain’s Best Wine in 2005 and our winery has recently been selected in Paris as one of the Best 100 wineries in the world in Michel Bettane and Thierry Desseauve’s recently published book.