

Real de Aragon Garnacha 2015



Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:
89 points – Vinous

Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:
2013: 90 points – Vinous
2012: 90 points – Int'l Wine Cellar
2011: 89 points – Int'l Wine Cellar
2009: 85 points – Wine Enthusiast
2008: 88 points – Wine Advocate
2007: 89 points – Wine & Spirits
88 points – Wine Advocate

Bodegas Langa -- Bodegas Langa is family owned and operated and is the only bodega in the Calatayud region that is not a cooperative. The family's business model requires a family member to be in every aspect of their operation. Their grapes are grown in either of their two estate vineyards, which are located in different parts of the region with distinctively different microclimates. No herbicides, pesticides, or chemicals of any kind are used in the vineyards. All of their wines and cavas are produced organically with the European certification. The bodega is now working to obtain the U.S. organic certification.

History -- The bodega was founded in 1867 and was moved several times. The present bodega was built in 1985 and has been refurbished several times. Today, the bodega is a state of the art facility with all of the latest technological advances.

Tasting notes: – Vivid purple color. Ripe red and blue berry, peppery, and fresh rose aromas. Black raspberry, cherry and vanilla flavors. Soft finish with a touch of sweet raspberry and floral notes.

Imported since: 2009

Appellation: Calatayud

Composition: Garnacha

Soil: mixture with high concentration of iron, sand, stones and some slate

Elevation: 2460 feet

Vineyard practice: dry farming, organic farming without certification

Vine Age: 32 to 44 years average

Yield: 1.98 tons per acre

Harvest Dates: third week of October with selection table

Fermentation: 9 days maceration, 5 days alcoholic in small stainless steel tanks with wild (also referred to as indigenous or natural) yeast

Aging: 9 months in 2 year old American oak casks and minimum 4 months in the bottle

pH: 3.55

Residual Sugar: 1.0 grams per liter

Alcohol: 14.8 %

UPC: 7 50428 21167 9

Region: Viticulture and wine making began in Calatayud approximately 2500 to 3000 years ago. Calatayud is located in northern Spain near the foothills of the Pyrenees. The mountainous area encompasses an intricate hydrographical network formed by various tributaries of the Ebro River. Calatayud has a continental climate although one of Bodegas Langa's two vineyards is located in a very arid area. Snow is typically on the ground in the vineyards for 5 to 7 months per year. The summer temperatures are mild, kept down by the winds that blow through the vineyards. There is a significant temperature difference between the day and night temperatures, particularly during the growing and ripening periods.