

MATAQUEMADA

EL ESCOCÉS VOLANTE 

Variety: Garnacha Tinta 90%, Other varieties 10% (Provechon, Garnacha Blanca)
Vintage: 2020
Bottled: November 2021
Quantity: 2010 bottles,
Winemaker: Norrel Robertson MW

Parcel: Mataquemada **Village:** Torrijo de la Cañada
Soil: Decomposed slate **Altitude:** 980 metres

94-96

POINTS

Luis Gutiérrez


WINE ADVOCATE

TASTING NOTE

"The wine is paler and more aromatic than any of its siblings, with a showy nose of balsam and cooking spices, nutmeg and Jamaica pepper... with tons of aromatic herbs and fennel... the combination of altitude, slate and slow ripening (the grapes from 2020 were picked the 3rd of October, quite late for an early vintage). It's medium-bodied and has very fine grainy tannins. Very surprising and different... Super!"

Luis Gutierrez for the Wine Advocate 94-96 points

WINEMAKER'S NOTES - 2020 was a precocious vintage in terms of the growing cycle and phenology: early bud burst, early flowering, early fruit set and veraison. Spring was accompanied by twice the average rainfall. The beautiful side of 2020 was our total confinement to the vineyards where we got to know our parcels more intimately.

Harvest started for us on the 8th of September and we finished with the Mataquemada parcel on the 3rd of October, 2 weeks earlier than the average in the last 20 years. The wines are characterised by great energy and extremely forward fruit. A great antidote to the events of the year.

The grapes were harvested into 20kg stored between 0 and 1 degrees in a cool room with controlled humidity. Fermented in an open top fermenter with 40% of whole bunches included in a layer cake fashion. Gentle punching down was applied once or twice a only during a long, slow, soft fermentation after the grapes warm up from their cold soak. Afterwards we carried out a long maceration and malolactic fermentation took place on skins. After pressing the wine remained in two flex tank eggs for 11 months before bottling with minimal fining and filtration.

Torrijo de la Cañada was once a village that produced 3 million kg of grapes. Due to the remote nature of the village, almost all of the hillside vineyards have been lost to grubbing up in the last 70 years. The Mataquemada vineyard is situated on a base of decomposed schist/slate closer to the border with Castilla Leon than to Calatayud. It is one of only four remaining Garnacha vineyards in the municipality.

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol content: 13.0%

Residual sugar: 1.5g/l

Total Acidity: 5.9g/l

pH: 3.36

