



4 MONOS VITICULTORES

AGUJA DEL FRAILE 2019

ORIGIN

Cadalso de los Vidrios, Sierra de Gredos, Madrid.

VARIETIES

More than 90% Garnacha Tinta, with a small amount of Cariñena.

VINEYARD

From several small plots of organically farmed vines that range in age from 60 to 80 years-old, all planted on sandy granitic soils at 830-960m elevation. This wine is named for the "Friar's Needle" a formation that is visible from the vineyards.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were harvested by hand, macerated whole cluster with temperature control for 12 hours, then fermented 100% whole cluster in a large used French oak foudre with the skins for roughly three weeks. After fermentation completed, the wine was pressed to rest in the same vessel, then bottled with a light clarification, no filtration, and a small addition of SO₂.

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 14.5%
Total Sulfur: less than 60 mg/L

PRODUCER PROFILE

4 Monos (4 Monkeys) is a project started in 2010 by 4 wine savvy friends - Javier García, Laura Robles, David Velasco, and David Moreno - in the **Sierra de Gredos** mountains, west of Madrid. They work 5 hectares of their own, as well as 5ha with other growers, all located in and around the villages of San Martín de Valdeiglesias, Cadalso de los Vidrios, and Cenicientos. Their mission is to capture the purity of the local old vine Albillo and Garnacha grapes and the granitic soils of the area by utilizing organic viticulture and natural winemaking methods. Vinos de Madrid is an appellation that encompasses a broad area within 3 provinces surrounding the city of Madrid. The climate is continental with a bit more rainfall than the rest of central Spain. The most prized area for serious winegrowing is called San Martín de Valdeiglesias, about 85km from Madrid in the Sierra de Gredos Mountain range. Here, there are gently rolling hills of green scrub brush and vines planted on a shallow topsoil of sand over a base of granite. The elevation is quite high, starting at 650 meters, and going up to well over a thousand meters.

VINTAGE REPORT

The 2019 vintage was very warm, and the vines suffered from heat stress and proximity to wildfires. It was a much harder vintage than 2018, and nearby fires and smoke damaged one of the vineyards that 4 Monos work with and reduced production, especially of red wines.