



ALFREDO MAESTRO

CASTRILLO DE DUERO

ORIGIN

Peñafiel, Ribera del Duero, Castilla y León.

VARIETIES

100% Tempranillo.

VINEYARD

From a selection of vineyards around 850-950m of elevation in Ribera del Duero, planted on alluvial, clay and limestone soils. Vines range in age from 15-60 years old.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were harvested by hand in the first week of October, then partially (~50%) destemmed and vinified with native yeasts by parcel in a mix of 500L used French oak barrel and old chestnut foudre. Maceration lasted for 12-15 days with daily pump-overs. After fermentation has finished, the wine rests in the same vessels for 1 year.

Bottled without fining, filtering, or sulfur addition.



PRODUCER PROFILE

Alfredo Maestro's family came to Peñafiel from the Basque Country. Having grown up amongst the vines, Alfredo had a great interest in wine and started making his own in 1998. From the beginning he farmed organically, yet in the cellar he worked literally "by the book," teaching himself enology from a textbook and using all the tricks to make a "correct" Ribera del Duero wine: cultured yeasts, acids, enzymes, tannins, color-enhancers, etc. In the early 2000's Alfredo had a revelation: as an organic farmer, why should he use chemicals to adjust the finished wine? He wanted to work as naturally in the winery as he did in the vineyard, as he puts it "to better tell the story of the land." Alfredo began eliminating exogenous products, and by 2003 he was making wine without any additives whatsoever, including sulfur. Over the past several years, Alfredo has been seeking out old, neglected, high elevation parcels around Castilla y León, and more recently in nearby Sierra de Gredos Mountains west of Madrid. He has two small bodegas, one located in his native Peñafiel where his father helps in the bodega, the other in the Navalcarnero area southwest of Madrid.