



José Pastor Selections

**Grower** *Alfredo Maestro*

**Appellation** *Vdt Castilla y León*

**Locality(s)** *Peñañiel*

**Climate** *Continental*

**Grape(s)** *Garnacha*

**Soil(s)** *Calcareous*

**Elevation** *900 meters*

**Vine Age** *100-120 Years Old*

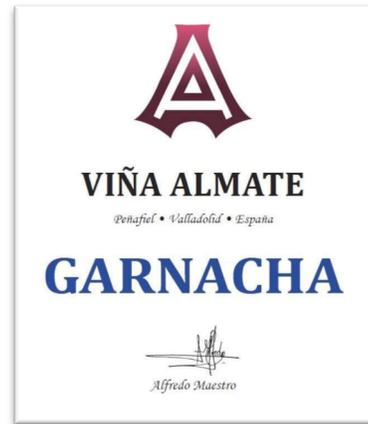
**Farming** *Practicing Organic*

**Pruning** *En Vaso*

**Production** *650 bottles*

**Suggested Retail** *\$70*

## **Garnacha**



- The affable iconoclast **Alfredo Maestro** established his small *bodega* in 1998 in his hometown of Peñañiel, Ribera del Duero. Alfredo seeks out neglected vineyards around Castilla y León and Castilla-La Mancha, takes the parcels over, and works them organically. In the cellar, Alfredo works as naturally as anyone we have seen in Spain, eliminating all winemaking additives - including sulfur. Over time, Alfredo has accumulated 9 hectares across Castilla y León and La Mancha along with establishing a second small *bodega* near Madrid.
- Viña Almate Garnacha comes from two adjacent plots of very old vines, grown at 920 meters altitude, located in the town of **Peñañiel**, one of the prime winemaking towns in the Ribera del Duero. Here the soils are pronouncedly limestone-based. The climate is harshly continental with cold winters, hot days and cold nights during the summer months.
- Made from 100% old-vine **Garnacha**, this is one of Alfredo's most age-worthy cuvees, and a real rarity in the Tinto Finto (Tempranillo) dominated Ribera del Duero.
- **Vinification:** *Destemmed; Fermented with wild yeasts in 1,000 liter steel vats; Raised in neutral French oak for 12 months with three rackings; Unfined & Unfiltered; SO2 added only at bottling*
- **Vintage:** *The vineyards for this wine are located in the Ribera del Duero, where the climate is harshly continental with cold winters, hot days and cold nights during the ripening season, which gives wines with robust fruit and brisk acidity if the grapes are picked at the right time. The biggest threat to viticulture is frost in the spring and fall.*