## **DOMINIO DE ATAUTA WINERY**

D.O. Ribera del Duero
Direction: Ctra. Morcuera s/n
Website: dominiodeatauta.com
Production: 100.000 bottles



**Located:** The Atauta Valley is located at the very beginning of the Ribera del Duero appellation and only 50 km. away from the birthplace of the Duero river in the province of Soria at 1.000 meters above the sea level.

This valley is highly eroded and has a highly diverse variety of soil profiles especially when taking into account its relatively small dimension (4 km long by 1 km wide).

**Vineyard:** the winery is made up of 15 ha. And controls 30 ha. of vineyards. The years of experience and hard work in this area have helped us to get to intricately know the singular characteristics of each of our more than 500 micro-plot vineyards. Each plot is managed individually maintaining a maximum respect of its unique essence and characteristics.

Alt. from sea level: 980-1050 m

**Climate:** This area has a continental climate with a Mediterranean influence that is characterised by very long and rigorous winters and by short and hot summers.

Average rainfall: 430 mm/year

**Soils:** In the Atauta valley there are a myriad of soil profiles, exposures and orientations to be found that will lend a unique personality and characteristics to the grapes of each particular vineyard. Something that is common to all the plots is that they are all have a sandy layer in the top layer of the soils. This sandiness is a key reason why this valley has resisted the onslaught of phylloxera. Apart from this, they all have a calcareous bedrock that lends minerality and complexity to the wines and that act as a barrier to the roots.

Average vine age: pre-phylloxeric. 120 and over 140 years

Prunning system: Goblet
Planting Framework: 1,7x1,7 m
Vines per Ha: 2800 plants/ha
Average production: 2500 Kg/ha
Cultivating: Manual and organic
Grape variety: Tinto Fino

**Elaboration:** The winery has tanks that have are very different in size and that are made of different materials depending on the particularities of each batch of grapes that is received. This winery has tanks made up of French oak, cement and stainless steel with capacities varying from 1.000 to 10.000 liters.

Our wines: Parada de Atauta, Dominio de Atauta, Llanos del Almendro, Valdegatiles and La Mala.

## **LA MALA 2010**

**DESCRIPTION:** This concentrated, complex and full bodied wine is brimming with personality and faithfully evoques the singular landscape where it is born. Its name "La Mala" meaning "the naughty one" in Spanish originates from its exceptionally low yields which made it very unprofitable in the years past for the agriculturalist who inherited it.

WINEMAKER: Jaime Suárez

NUMBER OF BOTTLES: 1.121 bottles of 0,75

#### VINTAGE REPORT: 2010

The harvest ocurred in 1st and 2nd week of October. It was a cold vintage as usual. The low temperatures in summer allowed to mantain a good grape maturity. Our greatest challenge was find the elegance and complexity wine.

#### WINEMAKING DETAILS

**GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Tinto Fino** 

AGEING PROCESS: 18 month in french oak barriques

**ELABORATION**: Rigorous selection in the vineyards located over a mix of sand and river stones over a layer of calcareous rock., are very important to obtain an optimal grape maturity and fruity intensity. The wine is elaborated in stainless steel. The malolactic fermentation ocurred in wooden barrels and after the wine spent 12 month

#### VINEYARDS NOTES:

**AVERAGE AGE**: 130 year. 2.300 vines within 0.8 has. In a very good vintage such as 2009 we had 2.500 bottles, but the average production expected is around 1.800 bottles.

**SOILS**: Sandy soils with an average depth of 0.7 m above a layer of calcareous rock.

**CLIMATE**: Extremely continental with a light Mediterranean influence. This part of Soria is renowned for its very long and harsh winters and for its relatively short and hot summers.

#### **TASTING NOTES:**

Black cherry colour. This is an aromatic wine with a wide variety of aromas of herbs, such as lavender, rosemary and camomile, combined with ripe red and black forest fruit and slight hints of coffee and spices. It has a smooth and aromatic midpalate accompanied by a tannin with a fine granular texture. Good acidity and balance.

#### **FOOD PAIRINGS:**

It is ideal with roast suckling lamb and goat. It is also a great accompaniment to sweetbreads, mushrooms, mountain paellas (mainly rabbit) and black truffles.

### **ANALYSIS:**

ALCOHOL: 14,5% vol. AZÚCAR RESIDUAL: 1.5 g/L

TOTAL ACIDITY: 4.59 g/L

#### SCORES:

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# DOMINIO DE ATAUTA was built in 2000 at Atauta valley which is considered by

many to be an ethnographic jewel from a viticulturalist's perspective. Dominio de Atauta winery is part of Avanteselecta, a comany wich is made up of nine wineries, located in the top denominations of origin. Each one a different personality but all of them with a common goal.





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