

2012 El Escoces Volante La Multa

The 2012 La Multa is a blend of 90% old-vine Garnacha with equal parts of Bobal and Tempranillo fermented together to improve acidity and color. Fermentation and 12-month aging in contact with fine lees took place in epoxy-lined cement tanks. It's a ripe, juicy and fruit-driven red, with aromas of red berries and licorice, clean and straightforward. The palate is medium-bodied, succulent, tasty, with a licorice finish, easy and pleasant to drink. An uncomplicated Garnacha. This is superb value. 65,000 bottles were produced.

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2012 El Escoces Volante Papa Luna

The 2012 Papa Luna is a blend of old-vine, head-pruned Garnacha with 20% Syrah and a dash of Cariñena (Mazuelo), which is co-planted in the old Garnacha plots, which fermented in epoxy-lined cement vat where the wine matured for 14-16 months before bottling. The nose is clean and focused, with ripe red and black fruit, spicy hints and some licorice. It has more depth than La Multa and also seems to have more concentration with ripe flavors of plums and cherries, soft and with a fine texture. Tasty and highly drinkable. 65,000 bottles produced.

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2011 El Escoces Volante El Puño Ha Ido al Grano

The 2011 El Puño Ha Ido al Grano is 100% Viognier from the Calatayud region but sold as Vino de España, the generic category for wines as the grape is not a permitted variety in Aragón. The grapes come from a 1.2 hectare vineyard at 950 meters altitude on limestone soils. The wine fermented in oak barrels where it aged in contact with lees for quite a long time, some 15 months before bottling, which gives the wine volume and a yeasty, leesy character. It's extremely aromatic, with strong balsamic notes, rosemary and thyme, but also bay leaf and a touch of spearmint, with a creamy core from the oak over a core of ripe yellow fruit and shy white flowers. The palate is medium-bodied with marked balsamic flavors, balsam and hints of eucalyptus, a silky texture, and very important, fresh acidity with some bitter flavors towards the end. This i...

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2011 El Escoces Volante Manga del Brujo

The 2011 Manga del Brujo is a blend of 70% Garnacha, 15% Syrah and 5% Tempranillo and 5% Cariñena (Mazuelo) sourced from argilo-calcareous soils. It is fermented in cement vats and only part of the wine ages in used oak, while the majority stays in cement. It has a chalky, saline feeling that is a little austere and showing some rusticity. This wine has character.

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2011 El Escoces Volante Es lo que hay

The 2011 Es Lo Que Hay is an unoaked old-vine Garnacha (with a dash of Syrah) from slate soils at 900-1050 meters altitude fermented in open top inox vats aged in cement with lees for two years. It has sarsaparilla and Doctor Pepper aromas along with a leafy character of Mediterranean herbs plus some roasted and meaty notes. I can see the warmth of the vintage here. He picked ten days before the neighbors. It's a ripe, juicy version with black fruit aromas and some earthy notes and a warmish finish. These Garnachas are dark, concentrated and ripe, closer to Priorat than Gredos or Navarra, especially in a vintage like 2011. This represents very good value for money. 10,000 bottles produced.

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2012 El Escoces Volante Manga del Brujo

The 2012 Manga del Brujo is a blend of old-vine Garnacha with some 15% Syrah and 5% Cariñena (Mazuelo). Robertson explained that tanks are inoculated with a selection of Rhone yeasts and some from the Priorat and Barolo. (L2323, Clos, BRL97 he believes work well with Garnacha). "Selected yeasts are employed to guarantee that alcoholic fermentation finishes and the wines have typicity. We are not looking for a standardized product and we want to express the vintage and terroir therefore protocols change according to each vintage." The wine is aged for 15 months on fine lees in underground cement tanks. Lees are stirred monthly. The nose is clean, straightforward, fruit-driven, but with an extra dimension of complexity, red fruit, licorice, fennel and Mediterranean herbs. The palate is medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins, good freshne...

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2009 El Escoces Volante 3000 Anos

The superb 2009 3000 Años, which is a 50/50 blend of old-vine Monastrell and 15-year-old Syrah from Bullas, has good meatiness, notes of ginger and plums, hints of violets and is overall a serious red. The palate is medium to full-bodied with the rusticity of Monastrell and the more sophisticated texture of the Syrah. It's a serious Mediterranean blend showing the character of the place and preserving the freshness and acidity in a nice, drinkable way.

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