

SUZZANE 2018

DOCa Rioja

Varieties: 100% Garnacha

Production: 4.600 bottles

SUZZANE expresses perfectly the characteristics that Garnacha offers us in Riojan soils. Moreover does it reflect the respect we have for the old vineyards of the region.

Vineyards

A vineyard of 3ha located in Cárdenas (Rioja Alta) at 580 metres altitude, dating back to 1903. It has an iron-rich clay soil with over 10% of rocks and gives low yields of 2000 kg per hectare. The various parcels this vineyard is comprised of show small differences which add to the complexity of the wine.

Winemaking

Fermentation takes place in 500 litre used French oak barrels and concrete egg, using indigenous yeasts. The wine ages for approximately 12 months in 500 litre French oak barrels and concrete egg, and is then bottled unfiltered.

Character

Suzzane is a very elegant wine. The seductive velvet texture is balanced by juicy acidity and softly gripping tannins. Flavours of red cherry, bramble and plum, sweet spicy flavours such as cinnamon and cacao, tobacco and violets. All leading to a concentrated and complex aftertaste.

What's in a name

Suzzane refers to Leonard Cohen's song *Suzanne* and is an ode to women. The back label cites Eduardo Galeano: *"I crack this egg and woman and man are born. And together they will live and die. But they are born again. They will be born and die and come into rise again. And will never stop being born because death is a lie."*

Analysis

Alcohol 14,5%

Total acidity (in tartaric acid) 6,4 g/l

Acknowledgements

Suzzane 2017: 95 points - Tim Atkin MW Rioja 2020 Special Report

Suzzane 2016: 92 points - Robert Parker 2018

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Suzzane 2015: 93 points - Guía Peñín 2019

Suzzane 2015: 93 points - Robert Parker 2018

Suzzane 2013: 95 points, Outstanding - Decanter March 2017 (Best Premium Riojas)

