

SUZZANE 2020

DOCa Rioja

Varieties: 97% Garnacha, 3% Viura

Production: 2.671 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 oak barrels, foudre and concrete egg, using indigenous yeasts. The wine ages for approximately 12 months in 500 litre used oak barrels, foudre and concrete egg.

Character

Suzzane is a very elegant wine. The seductive velvet texture is balanced by juicy acidity and softly gripping tannins. Forest fruit flavours combined with the sweet spicy flavour of cloves, herbal note of thyme and floral note of violets. All leading to a long and concentrated 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) 5,25 g/l

Acknowledgements

Suzzane 2020: 93 points - Robert Parker 2022

Suzzane 2018: 94 points - Robert Parker 2020

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

Suzzane 2016: 92 points - Robert Parker 2018

Suzzane 2015: 93 points - Guía Peñin 2019

Suzzane 2015: 93 points - Robert Parker 2018

