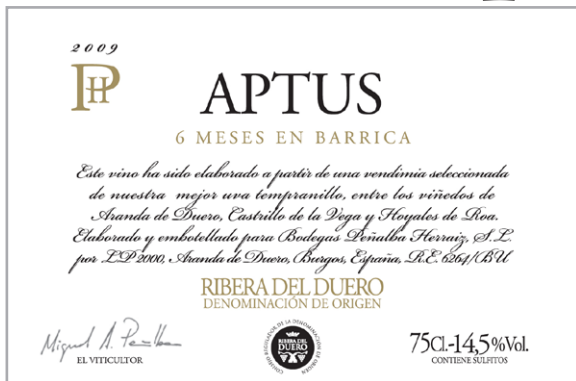


Aptus 2009



Winery: Bodegas Penalba Herraiz

Region: Ribera del Duero D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tinta del Pais

Winery: Winemaker, Miguel Ángel Peñalba Martínez, has lived in Ribera del Duero for his whole life. He studied Chemistry, winemaking and business and has been the vineyard manager for over 250 hectares of grapes for more than 10 years. The wine Carravid is made at a friend's winery in his own tanks. Grapes are sourced for the most part from vines aged more than 60 years, that produce small yields of less than 20 HL/hectare. All of the grapes are sourced from villages around Aranda del Duero. None of the vineyards are treated with fungicides or any anti-microbial. Grapes are harvested into small boxes so that they arrive to the winery intact and in the best possible quality.

Wine: This wine is made from fruit grown on vines between 15 and 25 years old, planted in sandy soils with a layer of clay at the surface. The vineyards are based around Aranda de Duero in the villages of Castrillo de la Vega, Aranda de Duero, and Hoyales de Roa. The vines are farmed organically, but are not certified. Grapes from these vineyards were among the last harvested in Ribera del Duero. The grapes were lightly crushed and destemmed prior to alcoholic fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine saw malolactic fermentation half in stainless steel and half in oak barrels. The different lots were aged in French and central European oak barrels for 6 months prior to assemblage.

Reviews:

“One of the best values that I’ve tasted during the past year, this wine can also grab your attention on the strength of sheer quality. Dark and dense, with very expressive aromas and impressively deep flavors, Aptus is nevertheless not a stereotypical powerhouse wine, as it is marked equally by freshness and purity of fruit. The spice and vanilla notes from oak are perfectly married with the dark cherry fruit notes, with all of the sensory nuances showing lovely proportionality from the first whiff through to the last flavors in the very persistent finish. Had I tasted this blind, I’d have guessed it to be a \$35 retail wine. Importer Aurelio Cabestrero is exceedingly knowledgeable about wines from all over Spain, but he holds a special affection for Ribera del Duero, which presumably explains how he found this remarkable gem.”

92 points *Wine Review Online* April 10, 2012 - Michael Franz

Dark in color, this has an inviting mix of herb, spice, black plum and roasted berry aromas. It shows good balance and saturation across the palate, with staunch tannins and a creamy feel. Flavors of black fruits, tobacco and vanilla are generous, while the finish is not at all angular, choppy or challenging. Drink now–2014.

89 points *The Wine Enthusiast* Issue 2510, October 2012



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