

Leva Daniel 2004



2004 ALICANTE DENOMINACIÓN DE ORIGEN

Winery: Bodegas Bernabe Navarro

Region: Alicante D.O.

Grapes: 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Tempranillo, 15% Syrah and 15% Merlot

Winery: Rafael Bernabe and Olga Navarro own 40 hectares of vineyard, planted predominantly with the Monastrell variety. They also cultivate Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah, with different clones, root-stocks and age of vines. The vineyards are near the town of Villena, in the western portion of Alicante which is relatively cool and offers lower humidity which reduces disease pressure and leads to sound grapes. Perhaps most importantly, between veraison (grape coloring) and harvest there is slightly higher air humidity which burns off by the afternoon leading to reduced water stress on the vines. Water stress is controlled through the use of leaf pressure chambers and measurements of leaf temperature and has proved to be important for increasing aromatic characters in all of their different red varieties.

Wine: Leva Daniel was originally produced to commemorate the birth of Aurelio's first child, Daniel in 2003. The project continues to be a cooperation between educator and winemaker, Joaquin Galvez and Grapes of Spain owner and president Aurelio Cabestrero. This wine is made from fruit grown at Bodegas Bernabé Navarro just outside the town of Villena in Alicante. This wine is of the greatest concentration and it is bottled after one year of ageing in 50% new and 50% one year barrels. It is sold shortly after bottling, resulting in a muscular, rich and fleshy wine. Egg white fined and bottled unfiltered.

Reviews:

“Saturated ruby. Dense, smoky, powerful scents of cherry liqueur, cured meat, minerals and toasty oak. Pliant and chewy on the palate, with sweet cassis and blackberry flavors accented by baking spices and fresh rose. Serious tannins emerge on the finish, suggesting that this needs some cellar time.”

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