

Mancuso 2004



Winery: Bodegas y Vinedos Mancuso

Region: Vino de la Tierra Valdejalón

Grapes: 100% Garnacha (80 to 100 years old vines)

Winery: Vinedos del Mancuso is a new wine project in Aragón started a few years ago by two enthusiastic enologists, Carlos San Pedro and Jorge Navascués. They bought five vineyards (20 acres) planted between 2,500 and 2,950 feet above sea level, with very old ungrafted Garnacha vines, in broken slate over bedrock.

Wine: Harvested by hand in small boxes during the first two weeks of October, selection of bunches in the vineyard and at the winery. The wine was fermented for 8 days in wood vats (1,700 liters capacity) and was aged for 14 months in New French oak barrels. Unfiltered.

Reviews:

“Saturated ruby. Alluring bouquet of raspberry and strawberry preserves, minerals, Asian spices, fresh flowers and vanilla. Fresh and energetic, with a sappy texture and deep, sweet red berry and cherry flavors accented by spice and mineral notes. The long, rich finish features licorice, black cardamom and bitter cherry, with fine, silky tannins. Delicious old-vines garnacha.”

92 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 128 Sept/Oct '06

“As Robert Parker noted in Issue 159 after reviewing the more difficult 2002 and 2003 vintages, “The 2004 will give a clearer indication of this new winery’s true potential.” The 2004 Mancuso, produced from 100% old-vine Garnacha (80-100 years), suggests that the trajectory is upward. The wine was aged 14 months in new French oak and bottled unfiltered. Purple-colored, the expansive bouquet offers damp earth, garrigue, cola, black cherry and blueberry. On the palate this large-scaled wine has gobs of spicy fruit, a supple texture, and soft, well-integrated tannins leading to a long, pure finish. There is enough structure for 3-5 years of further evolution and it should drink well through 2020.”

91 points *Wine Advocate* issue 169 February '07



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