Casa Lebai Matadiablos 2019 (White Wine)



CASA LEBAI is the most personal project of Rodrigo and Asier Calvo. they carry out a deep study of the area for classification of the vineyard by clones, zones, soils and orientation, with which the concern to try to express the typicity of each place begins and all this gives rise to that word that is so popular at home "THE ZONING" from the Gumiel de Mercado vineyards.

Of the 32 own estates of the family vineyard, three are chosen for their age, soil typi-city and behavior in vinification, each one has a character and personality that makes them different from the rest, with production methods that try to imitate what that relative did at the beginning of the 19th century.

In the 2019 vintage, CASA LEBAI was born, with the main objective of preserving the wine heritage in Gumiel de Mercado, as the project progresses it moves to a next level, also covering the recovery of family historical documents (currently reaching up to 9th generation with wine links) and conservation of historical presses and cellars from the 13th-14th century.

Appellation	Ribera del Duero D.O.
Grapes	100% Albillo Mayor, 83 years old vines
Altitude / Soil	826 meters / loam - clay soils
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested in 16 Kg boxes
Production	Fermented in small stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged for 12 months in 3,000 L French oak Foudres
UPC/SCC/Pack Size	8437005780538 - 18437005780535 - 12

Reviews:

"The white 2020 La Nava is pure Albillo Mayor from a 0.36-hectare plot planted by their great-grandfather in 1935 on a slope with sandy soils—it's pretty apt for the variety and considered one of the best places for old vines in the village. It's an ambitious and Burgundian white that fermented and matured in 500-liter oak barrels in search of aging potential but keeping the finesse and agility and reflecting the soils. It has a spicy, toasty and smoky nose with contained ripeness and 13% alcohol and hints of white flowers and fruit. The palate is vibrant and fresh, with a pH of 3.28 and 6.15 grams of acidity. Unfortunately, there are only 650 bottles. It was bottled in September 2021. Drink 2023-2029" 92 points The Wine Advocate; Luis Gutierrez - Issue January 2023

"The La Nava vineyard was planted to Albillo in 1940, so these vines celebrated their eightieth birthday in the 2020 vintage! There are only fifty cases of this wine produced, which is fermented in a concrete egg and raised for one year in a five-hundred-liter French oak demi-muid. The wine offers up a superb bouquet of pear, raw almond, gravelly soil tones, white lilies and a discreet touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and complex, with beautiful depth at the core, lovely soil undertow and grip, bright acids and excellent balance on the long and vibrant finish. This is one of the best white wines I have ever tasted from Ribera del Duero! 2023-2035."

92 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman - Issue #103 January/February 2023.

