

Legado del Moncayo Garnacha Rosado 2020 (Rose wine)



Isaac Fernandez Seleccion is a unique collaborative venture between two individuals – Isaac Fernandez one of Spain’s most acclaimed winemakers and Aurelio Cabestrero whose vision and commitment helped bring Spanish wines to the forefront in the United States. They work at rediscovering forgotten regions of superior terroir and maximizing the potential from old vines of indigenous grape varieties in a number of regions.

2013 was the first vintage of Legado del Moncayo, a subtly oaked, old vine Garnacha from Campo de Borja. This wine compliments their existing offering from Calatayud as it offers more floral, red fruit aromas and lighter weight. In 2014 they added an unoaked wine made from younger vines; a delicious wine priced to be enjoyed every day. In 2015 they expanded the line again with a unique expression of Garnacha Blanca, an exceedingly rare grape in the area. Finally, in 2016, they produced their first dry Muscat, a highly aromatic, white wine that pairs beautifully with intensely flavored foods.

Appellation	Campo de Borja D.O.
Grapes	100% Garnacha
Altitude / Soil	560-600 meters / gravelly, chalky loam
Farming Methods	Traditional methods
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	4 hours skin maceration, whole-cluster pressed, alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel
Aging	Aged for a few months in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling, no oak.
UPC / SCC / Pack size	8437012498587 / 8437012498594 / 12

Reviews: “The Garnacha grapes that are responsible for this appealing Rosé grow on the slopes of the extinct Moncayo volcano (Moncayo is one of Spain’s most popular hiking regions). With its generous dash of red fruits (cherries, raspberries), this pleasingly dry wine finishes on a crisp note. Enjoy it as an aperitif and/or serve it with something along the lines of paella or cheese-centric quiche.”

91 points Wine Review Online; Marguerite Thomas – April 13, 2021

“This is among the best rosé wines I’ve had the pleasure to taste this year. It is admirably fresh, with a tart edge reminiscent of pie cherries, yet there’s nothing sour about it. Although it is truly a dry wine, its vivid fruit lets it seem generous, but not in an obvious or “grapey” way. All the flavors and structural elements tail off evenly in the finish — which is a hallmark of very well-made rosé. Delicious as a sipping wine, but also very versatile for tableside enjoyment.”

91 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz – April 6, 2021

“As readers know, I am a big fan of Legado del Moncayo’s red wines made from their old vine Garnacha, grown on the side of an extinct volcano in the Campo de Borja D.O. Their 2020 Rosado hails from these same vineyards and is a good bottle, offering up a vibrant nose of strawberries, watermelon, orange blossoms, chalky soil tones and a hint of violets. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and focused, with a good core of fruit, sound acids and good length and grip on the finish. This is still quite young and will be more complex with a bit of bottle age, but has good constituent components. It is already a bit pinched by its closure, so it really needs a bit of aeration to blossom in the glass. 2021-2024.”

88 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman – Issue #91 January/February 2021

“This juicy rosado is marked with a bright pink color and flavors of cherry and white raspberry backed by a tangy acidity. Notes of licorice and wet stone round out the finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases made, 1,500 cases imported.”

87 points Wine Spectator; Gillian Sciaretta – November 15, 2021

