VALKYRIE SELECTIONS

AZUL Y GARANZA

SEIS 2013

AZUL Y GARANZA || The Azul y Garanza vineyards begin in the lunar landscaped Bardenas Reales Natural Park. Founders Dani Sánchez and María Barrena (and Maria's brother Fernando) work with "landscapes" – not merely vineyards - with each of their plots enjoying as much biological diversity as this harsh climate will allow. The surrounding plants, shrubs, trees, and animal/insect life play as much a part to the success of the grapes as the vines themselves. Winemaking is quite natural – the widespread, almost exclusive use of concrete vats, natural yeasts and gentle hands.

NAVARRA || Shallow, clay-traced soils, with minimal water, and irregular, almost non-existent rainfall, as well as extreme contrasts in temperature between day and night. Due to these singular geoclimatic conditions, the vines offer a naturally low production of small grapes that have a high concentration and a perfect equilibrium. Dani and María are passionate about organic farming and have additionally invested in farming their vineyards 100% organically, without the use of pesticides, insecticides, or chemical fertilizers that wear out the soil.

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BLEND | 95% Merlot & 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

VINEYARDS | From six certified organic vineyard parcels located next to the Bardenas Reales Desert - about 5 hectares on extremely arid clay-calcareous based soils at an altitude of 337 meters, oriented East-West. Berry size and yields are extremely small.

WINEMAKING | Primary and malolactic fermentation in concrete (native yeast) followed by 12 months aging in 225L French oak barrels and an additional 6 months in bottle.

ALCOHOL | 14.5%   BAR CODE | 8437004333001

PRESS | 91 VIN
"Bright purple. Smoky, sharply focused aromas of fresh cherry, raspberry, lavender and white pepper. Chewy, energetic and subtly sweet, showing very good depth to its cherry liqueur and black raspberry flavors. Tangy acidity gives lift and definition to the very persistent finish, which features fine-grained tannins and a sexy floral nuance." - JR