



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## EL JARDÍN DE LAS IGUALES

### GARNACHA 2016

**EL JARDÍN DE LAS IGUALES** || The newest project from Fernando Mora (MW) from a hidden jewel in Alpartir, discovered in 2016. In the last village in Valdejalón, on the northern face of the Sierra de Algairén, this vineyard was planted in 1890 in an area underrated due to lack of wineries where only home winemaking existed. This extraordinary site was never uprooted so the highest, strongest and oldest vines remained. The vineyard was restored over a period of two years and in 2019, a 200-year-old winery was renovated and now home to this special Garnacha and Macabeo wines.

**VALDEJALÓN** || Vino de la Tierra Valdejalón is located in Aragon, west of the city of Zaragoza. The area has long been associated with quality wine, and it's believed that viticulture here pre-dates Roman settlement. It shares the minerality of Calatayud with the fruitiness of Campo de Borja - both areas sharing borders with Valdejalón. Ninety-seven percent of the region is planted to Garnacha, many of which are 50-90 year old vines. Currently, there are only two cooperatives and the tiny Garage Wine project.

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**BLEND** | 100% Garnacha

**VINEYARDS** | Handpicked grapes from a dry farmed, organic vineyard (El Jardin de las Iguales) with 80-100 year old vines. The soils are limestone and blue slate and range from 400-1030 meters elevation (this vineyard is extreme!).

**WINEMAKING** | Wild yeast primary and malolactic fermentation followed by sixteen months aging in 456L François Frères oak barrels.

**ALCOHOL** | 13.5%

**BAR CODE** | 0016027365497

**PRESS** | 95 WA

"This has a different profile, subtler, with great perfume, an herbal side, spicy and floral, with some citrus-like freshness. It's extremely elegant and vibrant, yet shows restraint, a wine that really transported me to the vineyard where these old vines grow, showing it has a true sense of place. It's quite unique, coming from a zone (Alpartir), where the old timers considered the best wines from the zone, to be produced. I think they have discovered something really important here. I previewed the 2017 and even the fermenting 2018, and the wines show a common thread."

- Luis Gutierrez

