

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

La Mala represents the biggest expression of minerality in Atauta's Valley. A perfect balance between delicacy of the sand and the power that is given by 10 cm of clay soil before the roots dig into the limestone rock. The most singular wine in Dominio de Atauta's Valley.

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PRODUCTION: 384 numbered bottles of 0,75L produced exclusively from the place "La Mala" in the Valley of Atauta.

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Tinto Fino

WINE AGEING: 18 month 40% new and 60% semi-new French oak barriques

ALCOHOL: 14 % Vol.

Total acidity: 4,39 G/l (tartárico) · **Residual sugar:** 1.4 g/L. · **pH:** 3,67

WINEMAKING: Double selection (clusters and berries) at the point of entry to the winery. Vinification carried out with local yeast in open stainless steel vats with a capacity of 1000 l; plunging was performed. Malolactic fermentation is carried out in stainless steel vats.

TASTING NOTES: Black cherry colour. This is an aromatic wine with a wide variety of aromas of herbs, such as lavender, rosemary and camomile, combined with ripe red and black forest fruit and slight hints of coffee and spices. It has a smooth and aromatic mid-palate accompanied by a tannin with a fine granular texture. Good acidity and balance.

VINEYARDS

Average age: ungrafted, 130 years

Alt. from sea level: valley bottom at 950 m above sea level, oriented towards the north

Soils: Sandy soils with an average depth of 0.7 m above a layer of calcareous rock

Climate: Extreme continental climate with Mediterranean characteristics, noted for its long and cold winters and short and hot summers.

VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS: A difficult vintage, where good winegrowers make the difference. Cold and rainy character, the conditions at the end of ripening forced to work very hard in the vineyard, clearing clusters to get a good ripening in those left in the vineyard, reducing the yield to ensure quality..

THE WINERY

Bodegas Dominio de Atauta is located in the heart of the Atauta Valley, a small area of Ribera del Duero in Soria, marked by three elements: great diversity of soils and depths, altitudes of up to 1,000 metres and the presence, as a common denominator, of limestone bedrock at depth. All this results in great wines from Ribera del Duero that transmit all the potential and unique personality of a very special valley. Dominio de Atauta owns 21 hectares of its own vineyard and 22 hectares of controlled vineyard, managing close to 600 plots in the Atauta Valley, which represents 85% of the pre-phylloxera vineyard in the area over which it develops a viticulture in which only organic products respectful of the environment are used and carrying out the work in the most sustainable way possible.

