

La Raya 2018

Bodega Palacio Quemado - Vino de la Tierra de Extremadura



Location	Alange, Extremadura
Vineyard	The vineyards for Palacio Quemado extend over 100Ha. surrounding the bodega. La Raya is sourced from a single parcel within the estate selected for its advanced age, orientation, and unique soils.
Year(s) Planted	1990
Variety	90% Trincadeira, 10% Garnacha
Viticulture	Farmed completely manually and organically, with only minor usage of copper sulfate. Guyot training.
Yields	1.25-1.6 tons per acre
Vineyard Area	The Palacio Quemado estate totals 100Ha.
Altitude	1105ft above sea level (337M)
Soils	Limestone rich marl
Climate	Continental with influences from the Atlantic Ocean
Harvest	Manual harvest begins at the end of August
Winemaking	Destemmed bunches ferment in 50% concrete vat and 50% open top neutral foudres. The Garnacha is exclusively fermented and macerated in concrete vat. The varieties ferment and age separately.
Ageing	Once the wine is blended, ageing lasts 18 months in the fermentation vessel (50% concrete vat, 50% neutral foudre). The wine is bottled without fining or filtration, and is aged for 12 months in the bottle before release.
Bottling & Production	Unfined and unfiltered. 2,000 bottles.

SRP: **\$35.99**

Comments

La Raya is the Alvear family's Grand Cru expression of Extremadura Alentejana, where their work has been critical in resuscitating the cultivation and vinification of traditional Portuguese varieties in the southwest of the Iberian peninsula.

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Reviews



2018 Josh Reynolds, *Mediterranean Spain: Where to Start?* (Mar 2021)

"Dark garnet. Intensely perfumed, mineral-driven red and blue fruit, potpourri and incense scents show excellent clarity and spicy lift. Palate-staining raspberry, boysenberry, spicecake and floral pastille flavors deepen steadily through the back half. Manages to come off powerful as well as lithe and shows no rough edges. Finishes smooth and extremely long, featuring sneaky tannins and lingering red fruit, mineral and floral notes."

94pts

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2018 James Suckling, *jamesuckling.com*, October 5th 2021

"A spicy nose of black cherries, grilled herbs, peppercorns and cloves. Full-bodied with fine tannins. Sleek, savory and juicy with a spicy finish. Drink now."

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