

WINEMAKERS'S NOTE

Valdegatiles is the wine with most vigour and character out of all those produced by Dominio de Atauta. It has a marked terroir due to the location of the vineyards at the bottom of the valley and their deep clay soil. This provides the wine an extra freshness that perfectly balances the strength given by the clay, endowing it a great potential for ageing. If you like strong wines without sacrificing elegance, Valdegatiles is your wine.

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PRODUCTION: 1,129 bottles 0,75l numbered bottles of 0,75L produced exclusively from the place "Valdegatiles" in the Valley of Atauta.

GRAPE VARIETY: 100% Tinto Fino

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

ALCOHOL: 14,5% Vol.

Total acidity: 5,16 G/l (tartárico) • **Residual sugar** 1.4-g/L • **pH:** 3,39

ELABORATION: 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: Deep cherry colour. Valdegatiles stands out for its great intensity of fresh red fruit and a special balance of freshness and power typical of vineyards in clay soils. In the mouth it is intense and powerful, with the red fruit always presents and a long and very voluminous end.

VINEYARDS

Average age: Pre-phyllloxeric vines more than 140 years old.

Alt. from sea level: valley bottom at 965 m above sea level, oriented towards the north

Soils: 1.39 ha of 100% clay soil with a depth of 1,2 m before reaching the limestone rock.

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

VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS: We must take into account the good distribution of rainfall throughout the cycle. Regarding temperatures, we can talk about a mild winter since the averages and maximums were in values that can be considered as normal. The result has been grapes with intense red fruit aromas, a very fresh and lively acidity. We can speak of a very good harvest in terms of the quantity and quality of the grapes.

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

