

2012 Comando G Las Umbrías

The 2012 Las Umbrías is a single vineyard in Las Rozas de Puerto Real at some 1,000 meters altitude on granite soils, and in 2012 it is extremely pale, a little darker than a rosé. This is their most delicate, ethereal wine built on elegance, elusiveness and subtlety. The vineyard gets very little light, so the ripening is slow and grapes are picked later. The nose is a mixture of extremely perfumed rose petals; ethereal and subtle. The palate is equally light and pure, like a fresh and elegant morning breeze, with acidity that is sharp, delineated and precise. Makes me think of a cloud with wild strawberry flavor. This is simply awesome. Great wine!

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2012 Comando G Rumbo Al Norte

The 2012 Rumbo al Norte is a single-vineyard Garnacha from the one-horse village of Navarrevisca in Avila, at 1,200 meters altitude. The grapes fermented in a small oak vat and were transferred to two barriques. The nose is a little closed at first, feeling very shy and ungiving, you really have to coax it, so I recommend opening the bottle and decanting the wine well in advance. This is all about subtlety, about weightless fruit, flowers and wild small berries with a touch of minerality akin to chewing on chalk. The palate is medium-bodied, but feels light with precise flavors, very well-integrated acidity and weightless fruit. Again, this is an amazing, elegant Garnacha.

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2012 Comando G Tumba del Rey Moro

This is a new wine first released in 2012 from a vineyard close to the grave of a Moor king, hence its name. The 2012 Tumba del Rey Moro comes from a north-facing, 1,100-meter-altitude vineyard that is located in village of Villanueva de Avila. This is a half-hectare of vineyard with ungrafted, head-pruned Garnacha on cool, pure granite soils. It produces very light, ethereal, elegant and cool wines like this 2012. This could be their most extreme and telluric wine; very pale and sharp as a knife, with elusive aromas of earth, minerals, flower petals and a citric, blood-orange note. The palate is even sharper, delineated and laser cut with high acidity, not very concentrated, but really powerful, intense and wild. This is Garnacha in its most extreme expression, and is today the most aromatic and impressive of all the Comando G reds. Is this the big brother of Las Umbrías?

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2012 Comando G La Bruja de Rozas

This is the Comando G entry-level wine, previously called La Bruja Avería but renamed in this 2012 vintage to add the village name where the vineyards are located. As such, the 2012 La Bruja de Rozas shows some reductive, animal-like aromas, in a vintage where they pushed the wine to the limit. It has a wild character. They changed the source of their vineyards for this wine from the warmer Cadalso de los Vidrios to the cooler Las Rozas de Puerto Real, as they were looking for more freshness in the wines. It has notes of damp earth, forest floor, wet leaves, beef blood and fresh meat with hints of fountain-pen ink. In a way, it reminds me of some cru Beaujolais, with its granite freshness and the wild character, low sulfur with a vegetal, herbaceous side plus floral (Fleurie?) hints. The palate is quite different from what you expect after the nose; it's sharp and long, with high acidity, almost citric and no noticeable oak and good length.

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The 2013 La Bruja de Rozas is their village wine from Las Rozas de Puerto Real, pure Garnacha from various vineyards across the village. Compared with the 2012, it feels more compact, more defined, gaining in precision, depth and complexity, with a mixture of violets, red berries, balsamic herbs and a spicy touch. The palate is medium-bodied, with very good balance, very fine tannins and a fine thread of acidity providing backbone to the wine. This might well be the best vintage of Bruja so far. Stay tuned!

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