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FINCA PASO MALO 2019

VALLE DEL ACENICHE 2019



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2019 Lavia Finca Paso Malo

The single-vineyard 2019 Finca Paso Malo comes from 70-year-old vines at 750 meters in altitude in the Venta del Pino Valley on alluvial limestone soils and an east-facing exposition. The vineyard has to be worked by hand because the vines are not planted in rows (tresbolillo). It fermented with some 10% full clusters in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts and matured in well-seasoned, neutral 500-liter French oak barrels (from 2007) for 14 months. It's fresh and balanced, with a perfumed nose, with elegance and power, depth and complexity. It's medium-bodied and has fine-grained, chalky tannins and finishes very tasty, with an almost saline touch. 1,200 bottles and 20 magnums were filled in May 2021.

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2019 Lavia Valles de Lavia Valle del Aceniche

The 2019 Valles de Lavia Valle del Aceniche was produced with grapes from different vineyards in the valley that names the wine. It's pure Monastrell from 30- to 60-year-old vines at 800 meters in altitude on a narrow valley that is more humid and with less aeration than the valley of Venta del Pino on clay and limestone soils. The last grapes were picked the 15th of October and fermented with 20% full clusters with indigenous yeasts, then matured in well-seasoned, neutral 500-liter oak barrels, including malolactic, for 16 months. It has 14.5% alcohol and a pH of 3.5. This is clean and expressive, round and juicy, with good volume and with faint Mediterranean character. It fills your mouth, and the tannins are quite round. It's not terribly complex, but it's quite pleasant. 2,400 bottles and 30 magnums were filled in May 2021.

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VALLE VENTA DEL PINO 2019



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2019 Lavia Valles de Lavia Valle Venta del Pino

The 2019 Valles de Lavia Valle Venta del Pino was produced with grapes from different vineyards in the Venta del Pino Valley in the southeast of Bullas, wider and more aerated than the Valle del Aceniche. It fermented with some 40% full clusters and indigenous yeasts and matured in used 500-liter French oak barrels for 13 months. It has 14.5% alcohol and a low pH of 3.3, which means very good freshness. This is a little oaky, but it keeps the varietal character and the freshness. It's very spicy and quite tannic, with a dry twist in the finish. 4,100 bottles and 30 magnums were filled in May 2021.

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PUEBLO DE LAVIA 2019



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2019 Lavia Pueblo de Lavia

The 2019 Pueblo de Lavia mixes grapes from the different valleys in Bullas. It's different each vintage, so it's a regional red produced with Monastrell, all head-pruned and dry-farmed at 750 to 800 meters above sea level on clay, limestone, gravel and boulder soils. It fermented with 10% to 20% full clusters in stainless steel with indigenous yeasts and matured in used 500-liter French oak barrels for eight to 10 months with lees without being racked or adding sulfur. Then, it spent a last winter in stainless steel after being racked. It was blended just before bottling because each plot was kept separate until the end. It's spicy and varietal, with a touch of rusticity, a little blurry. It's medium-bodied and has some dusty tannins and a faint astringency (from the barrels?). 12,700 bottles and 215 magnums were filled in May 2021.

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