

### **TASTING NOTES**

### THE REGION: SOMONTANO



# **DE BEROZ ROBLE**

## FROM SOMONTANO

VARIETAL: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon 50% Merlot VINTAGE: 2013

**ALCOHOL:** 15% **WINEMAKER:** Nicolás Brull

#### **WINEMAKING:**

Night harvest, when the grapes express maximum freshness in flavors and aromas, in the peak of ripeness, situated in the areas of Salas Altas and Barbastro, fermented during 14 days at temperature control vats between 20 and 22 ° Centigrade, to preserve all the fruit, gravity decanted into lower vats with no skins. After a short maturation of six months in French and American oak barrels, and further six months in bottle, the wine is commercialized, with all the roundness and complexity that the barrel bottle ageing offers.

Clean bright and intense ruby red with some

COLOUR: blue hints.

Red mature fruits, well integrated with oak

**AROMA:** smoke characters

**PALATE:** fresh, fruity & intense with plenty of life and

smoothes finish that lingers on .

Somontano is unique in Aragón, if not Spain, in that its wines defy pigeonholing. The name means at the foot of the mountains and perfectly defines the geographic area where it sits this designation of origin, since it is a transition zone between the Ebro River valley and Pirineos. The DOs Costers del Segre and Navarra are about equidistant, east and west, respectively, and yet Somontano owes nothing to to either of them. Its altitude, climate, soils and native grape varieties are all contributors to the uniqueness of the area.

Soils tend to be heavy on sandstone andclay (hence the bright red colour) with aluvial material near the rivers. It has low fertility and good drainage. Almost all the soils are rich in calcium carbonates wich makes them ideal for vinegrowing. The altitude ranges between 350 meters and 650 meters. The climate, continental, is softened by involving the Pyrenees coat against the cold north winds. Yet there are frequent frosts in winter and summer temperature extremes.

The temperature differences between day and night are also very pronounced. The average rainfall is 500 mm.