



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## AZUL Y GARANZA



### NATURALEZA SALVAJE GARNACHA 2021

**AZUL Y GARANZA** || The Azul y Garanza vineyards begin in the lunar landscaped Bardenas Reales Natural Park. Founders Dani Sánchez, María Barrena and Fernando Barrena work with “landscapes” – not merely vineyards - with each of their plots enjoying as much biological diversity as this harsh climate will allow. The surrounding plants, shrubs, trees, and animal/insect life play as much a part to the success of the grapes as the vines themselves. Winemaking is quite natural – the widespread, almost exclusive use of concrete vats, natural yeasts and gentle hands.

**NAVARRA** || Shallow, clay-traced soils, with minimal water, and irregular, almost non-existent rainfall, as well as extreme contrasts in temperature between day and night. Due to these singular geoclimatic conditions, the vines offer a naturally low production of small grapes that have a high concentration and a perfect equilibrium. Dani and María are passionate about organic farming and have additionally invested in farming their vineyards 100% organically, without the use of pesticides, insecticides, or chemical fertilizers that wear out the soil.

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**BLEND** | 100% Garnacha

**VINEYARDS** | Certified organic, and hand-picked grapes from just north of the Bardenas Reales. Vines are an average age of 40 years old on clay-calcareous at 550 meters.

**WINEMAKING** | The grapes undergo wild yeast fermentation in concrete tanks followed by nine months aging in amphora and six months in neutral 300L barrels. Non-interventional/natural winemaking philosophy.

**PRESS** | **95 DECANTER** | “Gorgeous Garnacha! From a tiny plot (1.2ha) of old vines, north of the spectacular Bardenas Reales desert. A somewhat wild character - black pepper and minty garrigue – gives way to delicious raspberry, red cherry and cola which is framed by a punchy, tannic grip. Nine months in amphora and cement enhance the texture with wet stone and morish minerality.”

**TASTING NOTES** | So pure, fresh, and clean, you may not believe this fits the natural wine category (spoiler: it does). Evolved, generous wild red fruit and herb aromas with cassis sweetness, chocolate, and wild cherry fruit flavors. Wild, natural, and totally drinkable.

