

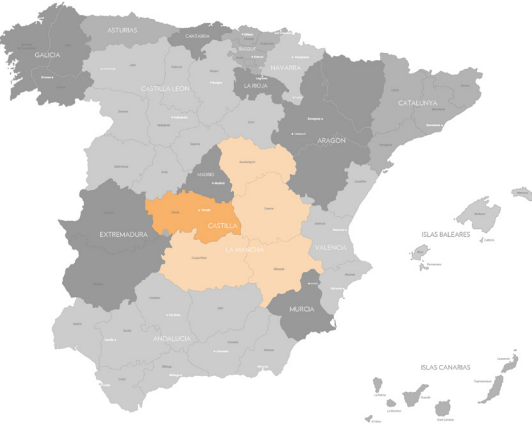


# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## MÁS QUE VINOS



### LA PLAZUELA 2011

**MÁS QUE VINOS** || Más Que Vinos was founded in La Rioja in 1998 when three friends - Margarita Madrigal, Alexandra Schmedes and Gonzalo Rodriguez met. Three winemakers, each one with extense winemaking experience. Seeing the great potential of the vineyards in Gonzalo's hometown of Dosbarrios (outside Toledo), they launched their personal winery project rescuing old plots of indigenous grape varieties and moving to all organic viticulture. They renovated the old family winery (from 1851) and in 2007 constructed a new modern winery in nearby Cabañas de Yepes.

**TIERRA DE CASTILLA** || The area of the villages Dosbarrios and Cabañas de Yepes is called the Meseta de Ocaña and is located 60 kilometers east of Toledo. The climate is continental with very cold, dry winters and hot summers. Due to the high altitude (750 meters) the warm summer days are accompanied by cool nights - ideal conditions for perfect ripening. The main varieties are Cencibel (Tempranillo), Garnacha and Airén. Más Que Vinos owns the 35 hectare Finca Horcajo and farms another 35 hectares in Dosbarrios, Cabañas de Yepes and Villarrubia.

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**BLEND** | 80% Cencibel (Tempranillo) & 20% Garnacha

**VINEYARDS** | 80 year old bush vines with a yield of 1500 kg/hectare on limestone soils at an altitude of 750 meters. La Plazuela is the name of the old family winery (from 1851) located at the "plazuela de la iglesia" (the small square, next to the church), with the old amphoras and where the wine is aged.

**WINEMAKING** | Spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel tanks followed by malolactic in traditional cement amphoras (tinajas). Aging for 15 months in new 300L French oak followed by a final 3 months in tinaja.

**PRESS** | 94 WA

"Widely considered the best red from La Mancha...the nose has some mineral, diesel-like aromas, hints of iodine intermixed with sweet spices and a creaminess from the oak. The palate is medium-bodied, with abundant, very fine tannins, with great concentration and power without a hint of aggressiveness. This is a wine with stuffing and balance, as well as good acidity. Very tasty and fresh, it slowly develops notes of licorice. It could very well be the best vintage of La Plazuela so far. I wish there were more wines like this in La Mancha."

