

KALAMITY 2018

DOCa Rioja

Varieties: 50% Tempranillo, 47% Garnacha, 3% Viura and Garnacha Blanca

Production: 1.642 bottles

KALAMITY was first made from the 2014 vintage and released in 2016. The idea is to bring together various grape varieties and different subregions (Rioja Alta and Rioja Alavesa) in one wine.

Vineyards

A vineyard of 3ha located in Cárdenas (Rioja Alta) at 580 metres altitude, dating back to 1903. Iron-rich clay soil.

A 102-year old vineyard of 1 ha located in Elvillar (Rioja Alavesa) at 600 metres altitude. Calcareous clay soil.

Winemaking

The best grapes from each plot are selected and vinified separately in open vats, barrels and concrete egg, using indigenous yeasts. After 12 months of ageing in 500 litre French oak barrels and foudre the blend is being decided.

Character

Kalamity shows an array of aroma's, ranging from soft red and black forest fruit to animal notes and from floral (violets) to herbal (thyme) and spicy, peppery aroma's, which will develop into even more complexity in the coming years. A wine with very fine and chalky tannins, an incredible balance and enormous length. One to keep!

What's in a name

The eye-catching name and label express Oxe's love for Shakespeare. "Honi soit qui mal y pense" (Shame be to him who thinks evil of it) comes from the play 'The Reign of King Edward the Third'.

Analysis

Alcohol 14,5%

pH 3,43

Total acidity (in tartaric acid) 5,97 g/l

Acknowledgements

Kalamity 2018: 97 points - Robert Parker 2020

Kalamity 2017: 95 points - Robert Parker 2020

Kalamity 2016: 95 points - Robert Parker 2018

Kalamity 2016: 95 points - Tim Atkin MW Rioja 2019 Special Report

Kalamity 2015: 95 points - Guía Peñin 2019

Kalamity 2015: 94 points - Robert Parker 2018

