

QUIÑÓN DE
VALMIRA
2015

ALVARO PALACIOS

ALFARO

THE WONDERFUL GIFT
OF THE MOUNTAIN

VALMIRA IS ONE OF THOSE VINEYARDS
WHERE NATURE'S WHIMS MERGE WITH THE REGION'S
ANCESTRAL WINE TRADITIONS. AN OLD WORLD VINEYARD
BLESSED WITH A DIVINE GIFT AND AN EXTRAORDINARY
VIRTUE WHICH WE YEARN TO EXPLAIN.



AFFINITY AND BEAUTY EMERGE AFTER NATURE AND HISTORY MEET

On the high reaches of Mount Yerga, in the municipality of Alfaro, holm oaks encircle a vineyard overlooking the wide Ebro Valley steppe. Quiñón de Valmira, elevated and fragile beauty.

In the 11th century, a group of monks reached this calcareous hump at 615 metres above sea level steps can be traced up to the Yerga summit, where they founded the first Cistercian settlement in the Iberian Peninsula. The spirituality of the place, chiseled by centuries of dry, cold Cierzo winds and the Mediterranean sun, leaves a faint presence: the silent nerve of Garnacha, the allure of solitude.

The vines' affinity with these surroundings is also mystical. A long and almost forgotten history of adaptation and nature which has been transformed into an stimulating resurgence. With Valmira, faith and gratitude are given back to our own land.



AN AUSTERE AND DETERMINANT GEOLOGY

South-east facing Valmira lies on land dating back to the Quaternary Period. Soils are barely 20cm thick and were formed by carbonated sedimentation of calcareous and ferrous clay colluvia. Just underneath lies a very deep, poor and extremely cold petrocalcic horizon, with its trademark white shade.





MATURITY FILLED WITH THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

In the coolness of the mountain, we can sometimes feel the ocean's air –a humid, northern, fragrance-filled breath. An analysis of the soil and the area's microclimate reveal a very slow, late ripening vineyard.

Under such extreme austerity, barely a few bunches are produced which develop into a soft wine with a thousand hints. A graceful stream of vitality, pleasure and indescribable mysteries. One of nature's whims, an exceedingly fortunate coincidence which concludes with this elixir of life.