

2014 Dominio de ES La Diva

The third vintage of this micro-single-vineyard 2014 La Diva has 20% Albillo to complement the majority of Tempranillo, as 2014 was a generous crop for white grapes. All the grapes from come from a tiny, 600-plant plot of old vines in the Valdegatiles quarter of the Atauta village. The grapes were destemmed for this wine and fermented in a small, 1,000-liter, open-top oak vat and then the wine matured in two barriques. It felt very young and a little raw, with the toasty aromas from the barrique in the foreground (it was in second year Francois Frères, a barrel that tends to lend toasty aromas that soon disappear into the wine), but he likes the way the barrels oxygenate the wine. The palate is quite compact, with a sinewy texture, abundant fine-grained tannins and a remarkable length. This has character, somehow rustic, but in a way that makes me foresee a nice evolution in bottle. It feels...

- Luis Gutiérrez (December, 2016)