

2018 Dominio de ES La Mata

Rating 93? **Release Price** \$484 **Drink Date** 2022 - 2028

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The 2018 La Mata comes from an ancient ungrafted vineyard in a part of Atauta that has more clay in the soil and produces rounder and lusher wines. The blend is approximately 90% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), 6% Alicante Bouschet (or Garnacha Tintorera) and 4% white Albillo, and it fermented with destemmed grapes and indigenous yeasts in oak vats, followed by 19 months in barrique. It feels darker and has notes of licorice and graphite with a touch of ink and leather. The palate reveals similar flavors and abundant grainy tannins and is a little earthy and more rustic. This feels different within the context of the other vintages and the rest of wines from the same year. It's a bit of a question mark today, at least the bottle I tasted. Only 446 bottles and 22 magnums were filled in July 2020. This is 14% alcohol. From: Spain , Castilla León , Ribera del Duero Color: Red Type: Table Sweetness: Dry Type: Table Variety: Proprietary Blend

Producer: Dominio de ES