Bodega Nino Jesus (Figaro) <u>Spain -</u> Aragon

Bodega Niño Jesús was founded in 1978 within the DO Calatayud denomination. This is an agricultural co-op specializing in grape and cherry production. There are 150 grape growers in the co-op, tending 330 hectares (815 acres) of vines with an average age of more than 30 years. The principal grape variety is Garnacha (also called Garnacha Tinta del Monte or "Red Garnacha from the hills"). Other varieties planted include Tempranillo, Syrah and the white grape Macabeo (Viura).

The vines grow at altitudes between 650 and 880 meters above sea level on rocky/gravel soils with a minimal organic content. This, along with the vine's age and scant rainfall means very low yields in the range of 1.5 to 2 kilos per plant. Extreme temperature shifts, both seasonal and daytime to nighttime, make for fully ripened grapes which maintain their natural acidity.

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