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ATALAYA

ALMANSA D.O.

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Owned and operated by the Gil family of Jumilla, Bodegas Atalaya is located in Castile-LaMancha's D.O. Almansa, east of the Albacete province, between Valencia, Alicante and Murcia. The predominant grape varieties are Garnacha Tintorera, autochthonous to the zone, and Monastrell. Despite the exceptional varietal character, intensity and depth, these Grenache-dominated reds are outstanding wine values.

LAYA

89 Points on the 2009 "The 2009 Laya is made up of 70% Garnacha Tintorera and 30% Monastrell aged 4 months in French oak. Garnacha Tintorera is known for its deep color and here it coats the glass and imparts aromas of brooding black fruits, licorice, espresso, and pepper. Dense, savory, and rich, this round succulent offering lacks only complexity, but for \$9 a full bottle, gimme a break! On top of everything, it is surprisingly light on its feet." – Parker's WA

LA ATALAYA

91 Points on the 2008 "Vivid purple color. Decadent aromas of blackberry and blueberry preserves, smoky minerals, apricot pit and Indian spices. Broad, powerful dark berry flavors are framed by big but velvety tannins and enlivened by a subtle mineral quality. The minerality builds on the finish, which is impressively focused and persistent. These soils are reportedly high in chalk content and lie at 2,400 feet above sea level." – Tanzer's IWC

90 Points on the 2008 "The 2008 Atalaya is a blend of Monastrell, Garnacha Tintorera (Alicante Bouschet), and other unspecified varieties. It was aged for 8 months in French oak. Deep crimson-colored, it displays an aromatic array of cedar, spice box, violets, blueberry, and blackberry with a hint of licorice in the background. On the palate it has layers of savory fruit, excellent concentration, and a long, fruit-filled finish. It is likely to evolve for 1-3 years but can be enjoyed now. This outstanding value over-delivers in a big way." – Parker's WA

ALAYA

92 Points on the 2009 "The 2009 Alaya is 100% Garnacha Tintorera sourced from 50-year-old vines and aged for 15 months in new French and American oak. Earth, underbrush, and mineral notes along with brooding black fruits inform this wine's inviting bouquet. Dense and layered, the wine pulls back just short of going over the top. Its 15.5% alcohol is in balance with the wine's strapping personality and helps provide for a silky texture and a finish with no hard edges. Give this unique effort 1-2 years to come together and drink it over the next 6-8." – Parker's WA

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