Leva Daniel 2006



Winery: Joaquin Galvez Bauza

Region: Alicante D.O.

Grapes: 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Tempranillo, 15%

Syrah and 15% Merlot

Winery: Initially produced to commemorate the birth of Aurelio's first child, Daniel. The project continues to be a cooperation between educator and winemaker, Joaquin Galvez and Aurelio.

Winemaker Joaquin Galvez, one of the most respected Spanish professors in wine tasting, is the first Spaniard to take the prestigious Institute of Masters of Wine courses. In 1996 he released his first wine, made in Jumilla. In 2003 he obtained not only a Gold medal at the prestigious International Wine Challenge in London, but also the Red Wine Trophy for the best Spanish Red Wine in the UK, for the Altos de Luzon 2002.

Wine: This wine is of the greatest concentration and it is delivered after one year of ageing in 50% new and 50% one year barrels. It is sold shortly after bottling, resulting in a muscular, rich and fleshy wine.

Reviews:

"Vivid ruby. Explosively perfumed aromas of fresh red and dark berries, Asian spices, smoky minerals and incense. Deeply concentrated raspberry and cassis flavors are surprisingly energetic-in fact almost weightless. Racy and focused, with pure red fruit qualities carrying through a long, sappy finish. A very pretty wine that blends deep, sweet fruit with refreshing energy and clarity."

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