



The Independent Consumer's Guide to Fine Wines

2006 Bodegas Y Vinedos del Jalon Claraval

Rating: 91

Drink: 2010-2020

The 2006 Claraval, 100% old-vine Garnacha, was sourced from higher elevation vineyards. Opaque purple-colored, the wine coats the glass. It gives up an alluring aromatic array of wood smoke, mineral, scorched earth, black cherry, black raspberry, and violets. This leads to a medium to full-bodied, layered wine with loads of sweet, spicy dark fruit flavors, ripe tannin, good balance, and a long, pure finish. Give it 2-3 years to blossom and drink it through 2020.

To this point, the D.O. of Calatayud has been best known for exceptional value. However, this is slowly changing as people appreciate just how good the wines made from its old-vine Grenache vineyards can be. Bodegas y Vinedos del Jalon has produced two superb values under the Vina Alarba label which are noted on the Best Buy chart at the end of this report.

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- Jay Miller (February, 2008)