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2005 Bodegas Y Vinedos del Jalon
Las Pizarras

Rating: 91
Drink: -

The 2005 Las Pizarras, produced from 100% old bush vine, dry-farmed Garnacha (70-100 years of age) is remarkably floral (violets) with traces of lavender, spices, and Provencal herbs. The black cherry flavors are mouth filling and there is enough tannin for several years of development. Tasted blind, you might think this was a high class Chateaufneuf du Pape.

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2006 Bodegas Y Vinedos del Jalon
Las Pizarras

Rating: 88+
Drink: 2010-

The 2006 Las Pizarras (meaning "black slate/schist") del Jalon is 100% Garnacha from 70- to 100-year-old vines. Purple-colored, it has an alluring perfume of mineral, black raspberry and black cherry. However, on the palate it is firm and compact at the moment. The fruit is present but tightly wound but with 2-3 years of further cellaring it should round out and offer pleasant drinking.

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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2007 Bodegas Y Vinedos del Jalon
Las Pizarras

Rating: 87
Drink: 2009-2015

The 2007 Las Pizarras del Jalon reveals earth notes, mineral, and black cherry aromas. This leads to a slightly lean, medium-bodied wine with adequate fruit and pleasant cherry and spice flavors. It has a bit of structure and moderate length for enjoying over the next six years.

Both Bodegas y Vinedos Del Jalon wines are 100% old vine Garnacha.

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