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ARMAS DE GUERRA ROSADO / ARMAS DE GUERRA / 2017 / CASTILE-LEON / SPAIN

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PRODUCER

This is the oldest winery in Bierzo and one of the oldest in Spain, established back in 1879. It translates as "Weapons of War", alluding to their annual battle against the elements to keep the vineyards, which are on average 50-years-old, healthy. They have stuck with tradition and champion indigenous Bierzo varieties, in an ancient Galician region famed for its slate-rich mountains and which first saw vines in Roman times. These vineyards are around 500m above sea level. Climatically it marries the cooler Atlantic influence of coastal Galicia with the hotter conditions inland.

VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

The vineyards are located mostly in the lower valley of the Bierzo region. The vines are tended in clay and river stones. The average elevation of the vineyards is from 525 m (1,722 ft) elevation. Temperature from April to October average 16.3C (61.3F) with annual rainfall of 626mm (24.6"). The free-run juice is drained at low temperature without previous maceration and under an inert atmosphere. Alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel tanks for 12 days at 12C. Alcoholic fermentation in stainless steel tanks for 12 days at 12C. No malolactic used. Unoaked.

TASTING NOTE

Pale pink in colour with lively red berry and orange zest scents are complemented by fresh floral and white pepper flourishes. Juicy and precise, offering bitter red currant and tangerine flavors that deepen and become sweeter on the back half. Taut and nervy on the finish, which hangs on with good spicy persistence.

FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	CO-OP
VARIETIES	MENCÍA
APPELLATION	CASTILE-LEON
FORMAT	0.750L
CLOSURE	NATURAL CORK
ALCOHOL	12.5%
SUGAR	- G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY	- G/L
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
TOTAL SULPHUR	- MG/L

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