



# Bodegas Alto Moncayo

## The Benchmark for Garnacha

Bodegas Alto Moncayo is located in Campo de Borja DO. It was founded in 2002 with the aim of turning it into a world reference for Garnacha wines of the highest quality, prepared from native vine clones.

From its privileged location in the highest part of the town of Borja, 500m above sea level, can be seen the Santuario de la Misericordia, and La Muela de Borja to the northwest, with the Ebro Valley and the Pyrenees to the north, the Sierra de Tabuenca and Huecha valley to the south-east, while to the south-west in the foreground can be seen El Moncayo, which is the highest point in the Iberian Mountain Range, 2,315m, which gives its name to the winery.

The closeness to El Moncayo gives the area a cool, dry continental climate, influenced by the Atlantic in the winter and the Mediterranean in the summer, with different microclimates depending on the altitude at which the vineyard is located. Thus, average rainfall may be 250 mm/year in the lower ranges and 350 mm/year in the higher areas of Tabuenca; hardened by the prevailing wind from the north-west, called “El Cierzo,” which accelerates evaporation from the low rainfall areas protecting the grapes from rot.

The soil where these old strains of Garnacha are located is on the foothills glacia or slopes of the mountains of Ainzón, Fuendejalón and Tabuenca; very stony, with slightly rounded edges of limestone or marl, dolomite, quartzite and slate. These are highly permeable soils that allow the water to seep into the deeper layers of clay allowing for dry farming.

Veraton: wine from 30 to 50 year-old vines, aged in new barrels for 16 months

Alto Moncayo: wine from 40 to 70 year-old vines, aged in new barrels for 20 months

Aquillon: wine from 60 to 100 year-old vines, aged in new barrels for 24 months

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