



ASENJO & MANSO A&M

REGION/ ORIGIN	Castilla y Leon Ribera del Duero DO	WINEMAKER	Natalie Calleja
VINTAGE	2009	WINERY ESTABLISHED	2004
VARIETALS	100% Tinta del Pais (Tempranillo)	VINEYARD(S)	Estate fruit
ALCOHOL	14.5%	AGE OF VINEYARD(S)	100 year old vines
FERMENTATION	Stainless steel, ML in new American oak Indigenous yeasts	SOIL TYPE	Sand and clay
AGING	16 months	VINEYARD(S) ELEVATION	800m
BARREL TYPE/ YEARS IN USE	New French oak	FARMING METHODS	Sustainable, organic
FILTER/FINING	Fining with vegetable protein only	HARVEST TIME	Beginning of October
TOTAL SULFUR/ RS	40 mg/l 1.6 g/l	PRODUCTION	3,500 bottles

'Teach me the art of seeing my own history as if it were already ash in memory'

Asenjo & Manso was founded in 2004 in the village of La Horra of Ribera del Duero. Although the bodega is young, the wines are amazingly deep and complex due to the 50-100 year old family vineyards. Their production is completely organic, with certification in some of their vineyards already. Jesús Asenjo (the grandson of Tiofilo Asenjo, who first planted the estate's vines) has been in the fields his entire life, and tends to the vines himself year-round, and even his elderly father still walks the fields that Tiofilo once planted. Precise and careful practices are carried out in their pristine facility by Natalia Calleja, where she believes in only stainless steel fermentations before oak aging, a light hand during the maturation, and creating wines that show the loving effort of the family estate.

*A&M stands for Asenjo & Manso, after the founders of the estate
Jésus Asenjo & Carlos Manso*

The A&M is the top wine of this small estate, coming from vines that have been in the family for 100 years. Only 3,500 bottles are produced, and only in exceptional years when the estate's oldest vines yield perfect berries. All vineyards are organically farmed, and the attention to detail at the bodega is exceptional. This wine is brooding with rich and dark fruits, strapped with earthy tobacco, leather, cedar, and balanced with lifted acidity, which adds to the sheer class and elegance of this impeccable wine. This Tinta del Pais is an extremely limited production, and is truly a gem in the Ribera del Duero D.O.

93pts *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar 9/13* – Inky ruby. Heady aromas of black and blue fruits, incense and fresh flowers. Deep, palate-staining blueberry and boysenberry flavors show excellent clarity and power, with a suave violet pastille nuance gaining strength with air. Refuses to let up on the finish, which clings with outstanding tenacity and alluring sweetness.