



Finca el Tesso

Angel Martínez Paiva

(AHN-hel mahr-TEEN-ez PIE-vah)



LOCATION

Extremadura, España.
(D.O. Ribera del Guadiana)
320 hectares. 450 meters.



ESTATE

Finca el Tesso.
(FEEN-kah el TAY-so)



WINEMAKER

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ENOLOGIST

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ENVIRO-COMMITMENT

Hand-harvested.
No irrigation.



ESTATE PRODUCTION

4,000 cases.



PARTNERSHIP

Angel has been part of the Small
Vineyards family since 2008.

The D.O. Ribera del Guadiana is not famous, at least not yet, but one winemaker in this quasi-anonymous zone is quietly making some of the flat best fresh-style Tempranillo in Spain. Ask any local, and they all know Angel Paiva, the charismatic owner / winemaker of Finca el Tesso. A true family affair, the estate is run by 5 different members of the Paiva family, all in different roles, and has done so for five generations! Established in 1876, the Paiva farm is large in terms of land, as they grow many agricultural products, including some of the most viscous, powerful olive oil one can ever taste. “Finca el Tesso” is the name of their finest cru. Here, they grow familiar varietals, as well as Graciano, a rare, beautiful varietal that – when in the hands of an expert – absolutely blossoms in the glass. (At the moment, they are using it primarily as a blending grape). As for their stunning Tempranillo, it is a nothing short of a celebration of fresh fruit. Delicate, yes; ripe, yes; juicy, yes, yes, yes! And in case one doubts, Paiva’s wines are also wonderfully complex, from vines as old as a half a century. Simply put, a “young” Tempranillo simply doesn’t get much better. From the region Extremadura, the estate is in rural western Spain, where the local joke is that there are more sheep than people (but the cheese is fantastic!) When compared with other wines from the region, the wines of Finca el Tesso are remarkably elegant – powerful, but elegant. These are not pulpy wines in a marmalade style, but taut, stylish, and even feminine, with focus, length, and intensity.