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2013 La Zorra Raro

A Rufete Dry Red Table wine from Spain, Salamanca, Castilla Leon, Spain

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The 2013 Raro is pure Rufete from old vineyards planted on granite and slate soils fermented with indigenous yeasts and aged for a short time (111 days!) in barrel. It has a bright (almost fluorescent!) red-ruby color, translucent and with a showy, exuberant nose denoting youth and plenty of character, notes of smoked bacon, licorice, underbrush and meaty blue fruit. This is not so different from a wild Syrah from Valais or the Northern Rhone (which now that I think about it is a bit of a pleonasm, as Valais is as Northern Rhone as it gets). It reveals smoke, Morello cherries, and citric hints. It's young, but has complexity and changes quickly in the glass. The palate is light to medium-bodied, with the flavors found in the nose, and no noticeable tannins. This is easy to drink, fresh and vibrant. A delicious, superb young red, a good example of what Rufete is capable of and offered at a very good price. 4,300 bottles were produced. Drink now-2016.

La Zorra is a new project (created in 2010) around 26 hectares of vineyards, mostly over 60 years of age in the Sierra de Salamanca from which they craft around 34,000 bottles every vintage. I tasted very young wines, mostly recently bottled, and even so they were lovely. Fun wines, full of energy and character. Bravo! A new name to follow.

No known American importer.

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