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Winery "Los Astrales" commenced operations at the end of the year 2000 through the **Romera de Ia Cruz Family's initiative**. They are the third generation of wine growers in Anguix, and have inherited a solid wine knowledge from their parents and, possessing an uncompromising philosophy of quality they decided to give up supplying grapes to other wineries and have decided to become wine producers.

By recruiting Eduardo Garcia (Mauro, Mauro Dos, Leda) to the company, who had just completed his vocational training in France and United States of America and who will be responsible for the family's winery (Mauro, Maurodos) and also as Technical Manager in"*Los Astra/es*", the company received a boost which permitted the project to materialize in the 2001 harvest.

The **last milestone is the incorporation of Jose Hidalgo Togores as Technical Director in 2013.** Jose Hidalgo, in addition to one of the most recognized winemakers in Spain, is the author of the "Viticulture and Oenology Treaty", the text used in most Oenology Schools of Spain and Latin America. 2016

ASTRALES

Red wine | aged

Winery	Astrales
Appellation	Ribera del Duero DO
Grapes	Tempranillo 100%
Aging	18 months oak barrels (80% French, 20% American)
Vinification	Grapes hand sorted. Gravity fed. Native yeasts. Fermentation and maceration for 15 days
Soil	Clay calcareous and stony at 850 m
Density	3,500 vines/ha   45 years
Ale. Vol.	14.5%
Production	76,000
UPC	850026540000

## Tasting Notes

"Lusty black-fruit aromas are earthy, oaky and smooth, exemplifying an excellent Ribera def Duero. A palate with pulsing acidity tempers rich flavors of blackberry, chocolate and vanilla. Creamy oak and some fire on the finish guarantee that this will evolve nicely through 2028." 93 points, The Wine Enthusiast - Editor's Choice April 2018 | Aroma Intense nose of black fruits, spices, balsamic and toasted notes | Palate Great balance, a lingering finish on the palate, great intensity and backbone, finishing with a firm and tine tannicity, allowing excellent ageing over the coming years

## Honors. Ratings. Reviews

2020 92pts James Suckling [2016]

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