



## 2021 El Hato y el Garabato Otro Cuento

**Rating**

93

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**Producer:** El Hato y el Garabato

**From:** Spain , Castilla León , Salamanca , Arribes

**Color:** White

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Proprietary Blend

The white 2021 Otro Cuento, which has the Viñedo Viejo de Arribes subtitle, was produced with grapes from an old vineyard that was planted like yesteryear, with a high percentage of white grapes dominated by Doña Blanca and maybe 15% others like Puesta en Cruz, Godello, Albillo, Verdejo and others. The vines are on granite soils at 750 meters in altitude, and they believe Doña Blanca is quite expressive of granite (as I've seen in some wines from Quinta da Muradella in Monterrei). They finished the process to obtain organic certification in 2020. It fermented in barrels and stainless steel, and 70% of the volume matured in used 500-liter French oak barrels for eight months. It has 12% alcohol, a pH of 3.18 and a dry finish. It has a flinty and smoky nose and is leesy, with a reductive personality reminiscent of sesame seeds. It has a juicy palate with a fine texture that is grainy, reflecting the granite soils, with a very tasty, almost salty finish. 2,000 bottles were filled in June 2021.

## 2021 El Hato y el Garabato La Xefa

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> El Hato y el Garabato
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<b>Reviewed by</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Color:</b> Rosé
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The rosé 2021 La Xefa comes from very old vines in a plot in the north of the appellation, Torregamones, planted with a field blend of red (mainly Juan García) and white grapes (30%) on sandy granite soils. The grapes were picked together and pressed, and the juice fermented with indigenous yeasts (like all their wines) and matured for some eight months. It's serious, elegant and balanced, with a very tasty palate; it fills your mouth but it doesn't weigh down and keeps the freshness. Two barrels filled some 600 bottles.

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Proprietary Blend

## 2021 El Hato y el Garabato Ecléctico Mencía

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> El Hato y el Garabato
91	\$30	2023 - 2027	<b>From:</b> Spain , Castilla León , Salamanca , Arribes
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A new varietal red from the north of the appellation, the 2021 Ecléctico Mencía is from the range of varietal wines from the appellation that otherwise is focused on field blends from old vines. It was produced from three very old vineyards, which surely contain small percentages of other varieties, in the village of Villalcampo on slate soils that are in the process of being certified organic. The full clusters were vinified by plot with indigenous yeasts and a soft extraction. The wine matured in five used and neutral 225-liter French oak barrels for 10 months. It's only 12.5% alcohol and has a pH of 3.6, and it has a varietal nose with notes of wild berries and herbs with an earthy touch, faintly reductive. It's medium-bodied with fine tannins and is closer to the wines from Galicia than from Bierzo. 1,500 bottles were filled in July 2022.

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Mencía

## 2020 El Hato y el Garabato Eclético Variedades Blancas de Arribes

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> El Hato y el Garabato
92	\$20 - 22	2022 - 2027	<b>From:</b> Spain , Castilla León , Salamanca , Arribes
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The white 2020 Eclético Variedades Blancas de Arribes was produced with the obscure Puesta en Cruz variety, which is a relative of the Portuguese Rabigato and will be mentioned on the labels in future vintages. They wanted to show the grape without makeup; and this has moderate ripeness, 11.7% alcohol and good freshness and acidity. It was produced with grapes from individual vines in different vineyards, but in 2018 they found a young vineyard at 600 meters in altitude. The clusters were pressed whole and the juice fermented in stainless steel, and the wine matured with the lees for eight months. It has a leesy and smoky twist and is characterful and clean, with a very fresh palate with precision and a very tasty finish and a salty twist. The variety has very good natural acidity, and the wines are fresh. 2,580 bottles produced. It was bottled in May 2021.

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Puesta en Cruz

## 2020 El Hato y el Garabato De Buena Jera Carbas

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> El Hato y el Garabato
92	\$35 - 50	2023 - 2028	<b>From:</b> Spain , Castilla León , Salamanca , Arribes
<b>Reviewed by</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Color:</b> Red
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The 2020 De Buena Jera Carbas was produced with grapes from a 90-year-old plot of mostly Juan García at 700 meters in altitude on sandy granite soils. The full clusters fermented in open bins with indigenous yeasts, and the wine matured in two used 225-liter French oak barrels for 14 months. It's only 12% alcohol and has good freshness reflected in a pH of 3.5. There is a lot more Juan Garcia here, and that's why the wine is quite round and gentle, still fine-boned but with more color. 555 bottles were filled in February 2022.

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Juan García

## 2020 El Hato y el Garabato De Buena Jera Valdeformariz

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> El Hato y el Garabato
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In the past, the De Buena Jera was a wine that was selected from different plots depending on the vintage, but starting this year, the name has been changed to De Buena Jera Valdeformariz. The 2020 De Buena Jera Valdeformariz was produced with grapes from a vineyard that was planted over 100 years ago by the great-grandfather of José Manuel Beneitez on clay rich soils. It is mostly Juan García, around 85%, and the rest a mixture of Bruñal, Bastardo, Puesta en Cruz, Mandón and Rufete. It's a light red with only 12% alcohol and good freshness. It fermented with full clusters and indigenous yeasts in bins where the grapes were foot trodden lightly. It matured in two used 225-liter French oak barrels for 14 months. This is paler and more delicate, and there is a great diversity of varieties here, which makes it nuanced, elegant and perfumed, clean and balanced. It has a medium-bodied palate, very fine tannins and a very tasty finish. 555 bottles were filled in February 2022.

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Proprietary Blend

## 2020 El Hato y el Garabato Eclético Variedades Blancas de Arribes Fermentado en Barrica

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> El Hato y el Garabato
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In addition to the regular Eclético Variedades Blancas de Arribes, there is also an aged version of the varietal Puesta en Cruz, of which I tasted the 2020 Eclético Variedades Blancas de Arribes Fermentado en Barrica (it will feature the name of the variety in future vintages). It fermented and matured in third use barrel for eight months, and it had a short contact with the lees before it was put in barrel. It has 12% alcohol and a pH of 3.2, with a shy nose and a slightly muted palate, like the wine was trapped by the barrel, slightly spicy and smoky. Only 597 bottles were filled in May 2020.

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Puesta en Cruz

## 2020 El Hato y el Garabato Cotexa

<b>Rating</b>	<b>Release Price</b>	<b>Drink Date</b>	<b>Producer:</b> El Hato y el Garabato
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The light red 2020 Cotexa was produced like the wines from the past in the region, using some 30% white grapes and always with a blend of varieties to make a wine that is refreshing and easy to drink. It was produced with grapes from old vines that are mostly on sandy granite, slate and clay soils with abundant boulders. The full clusters were lightly trodden, fermented with their own yeasts and put to finish in barrel where the wine completed six months of aging. It has 12% alcohol and a pH of 3.6. It's quite dark and wild, with a faint meaty and leathery note, hints of licorice and an earthy twist. It has the rustic tannins from the Juan García variety and finishes dry. 9,000 bottles were filled unfiltered and unfiltered in July 2020.

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Proprietary Blend

## 2019 El Hato y el Garabato Sin Blanca

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**From:** Spain , Castilla León , Salamanca , Arribes

**Color:** Red

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Juan García

The 2019 Sin Blanca is a Juan García-based wine from Arribes with 15% to 20% other varieties like Bastardo, Bruñal, Rufete, Tinta Jeromo, Gajo Arroba and Mandón and also white grapes, mostly Doña Blanca, sourced from different vineyards. It fermented with full clusters with indigenous yeasts and careful extraction. The wine matured exclusively in 225-liter French oak barrels. It's floral and perfumed, with good ripeness and freshness. In 2018, they stopped checking the alcohol when harvesting, and since then the wines have less alcohol and more finesse; this is medium-bodied and has 12.5% alcohol, good balance and very fine tannins. It is characterful, clean, precise and tasty. 6,500 bottles produced.

## 2018 El Hato y el Garabato De Buena Jera

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**From:** Spain , Castilla León , Salamanca , Arribes

**Color:** Red

**Type:** Table

**Sweetness:** Dry

**Type:** Table

**Variety:** Proprietary Blend

The 2018 De Buena Jera was produced with the field blend of 85% Juan García and the rest Bruñal, Bastardo, Puesta en Cruz, Mandón and Rufete from clay-rich soils. It fermented in plastic bins with full clusters and indigenous yeasts and matured in used 225-liter French oak barrels for 14 months. It has 12.5% alcohol and a pH of 3.5. Somehow, the oak is more evident here than in the two single-vineyard wines that kind of replace it. It's spicy and a bit smoky, framed by the oak, even if the barrels were not younger than the ones used in the 2020s. 555 bottles were filled in February 2020.