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**2014 El Escocés Volante
La Multa**

The 2014 La Multa wears the subtitle Old Vine Garnacha and the old vines contain plants of Bobal, with some Tempranillo added and it all fermented together. It fermented in concrete tanks and aged in other underground concrete tanks in contact with the lees where the temperature is very constant for 18 to 24 months, as they do some three lots throughout the year. It has a fruit-driven, straightforward nose, but not banal. It is ripe without excess and offers some herbal aromas. The palate is juicy, without edges, something Robertson believes is due to the lees. The grapes are harvested some ten days before the average in the zone, as they want to keep more acidity. This should work very well with food. Very good value. 85,000 bottles produced.

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**2014 El Escocés Volante
Papa Luna**

The 2014 Papa Luna is a blend of old-vine, head-pruned Garnacha with 20% Syrah and a dash of Cariñena (called Mazuelo in Calatayud!) fermented in concrete vats and aged in underground concrete tanks until bottling. The evolution of the wine is very slow, as the temperature is constant. It has more complexity than La Multa, a little more depth, but a similar profile. The palate is juicy and tasty, with almost unnoticeable tannins. There are some tasty flavors, and it's a little meaty. 2014 delivered a good crop and Robertson compared it to 2006. None of these wines feel heavy. 70,000 bottles produced. There are three or four lots bottled at different times. What I tasted had been bottled March 2017.

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**2013 El Escocés Volante
En Sus Trece**

There is a non-DO, old-vine Garnacha sourced from different plots in the villages of Alarba and Acered in Calatayud, fermented outside the appellation, called 2013 En Sus Trece. It's produced with fruit from plots at 1,000 to 1,100 meters altitude on slate soils, fermented in open-top concrete vats and bottled unoaked after being aged on the lees in underground concrete tanks for some 20 months. Some of the old vineyards have some Moristel grapes interplanted with the Garnacha. It has an explosive aromatic nose of flowers and Mediterranean herbs, but with great freshness, elegance and poise. The palate is vibrant and superbly balanced, with a fine thread of acidity going through its core and a clear mineral sensation in the texture. It finishes long and tasty. This is a superb unoaked Garnacha. It feels very young and should develop nicely in bottle, with the subtlety and sleekness provided by time. 12,000 bottles produced.

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**2015 El Escocés Volante
El Puño Blanco**

The 2015 El Puño Blanco is a blend of 55% Macabeo, 35% Viognier and the rest Garnacha Blanca from different parts of Calatayud, but sold without appellation because Viognier is not authorized in the rules of the appellation. The Viognier is quite evident in the nose with plenty of peach aromas. It fermented in stainless steel and used oak barrels (300- and 500-liter), and then blended and put in Flextank egg-shaped containers for 15 months in contact with the lees. It has good volume in the palate and a tasty, almost salty finish. It's powerful in a Rhône-ish style, with 14.5% alcohol, so not a shy white. 5,500 bottles were filled in May 2017.

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**2013 El Escocés Volante
El Puño Garnacha**

The 2013 El Puño Garnacha was produced with the best plots of old vines in the villages of Alarba and Acered in Calatayud where the soils are rich in slate. It fermented in open concrete Nombrot vats and 40% of the volume aged in used, well-seasoned 500-liter oak barrels for 14 months. The oak is unnoticeable, but provides some spiciness. There is good freshness and plenty of herbal aromas of Mediterranean herbs, quite aromatic and perfumed. The palate is medium-bodied with chalky tannins and a nice balance between juiciness and austerity, quite a serious Garnacha. 5,500 bottles were filled in May 2017.

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**2014 El Escocés Volante
Dos Dedos de Frente**

I also sampled the 2014 Dos Dedos de Frente, a single-vineyard Syrah from Calatayud, a plot planted at some 920 meters altitude, co-fermented with some 5% Viognier. This is still very young and needs more time in bottle. I tasted it just before bottling and just bottled after some 14 months in used 225- and 300-liter oak barrels that still lent spicy and smoky aromas to the wine. Ripe, heady and concentrated, this is a powerful Syrah with a Rhône character, mixing notes of graphite, earth and cedar wood with violets, wild berries and Mediterranean herbs with a touch of black olive and a meatiness. The palate is full-bodied with abundant, fine-grained tannins and a long finish. It ends with dusty minerality. This should improve with time in bottle and has the stuffing and balance to be long-lived. 4,000 bottles produced in May 2017.

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