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## EL ESCOCÉS VOLANTE, DOS DEDOS DE FRENTE, SYRAH, VIOGNIER, DO CALATAYUD, SPAIN, 2018



### Producer Profile

Norrel Robertson is a master of wine, consulting and making wine around the world.

Norrel also owns a little patch of land, high up in the rugged landscape of Calatayud, where he tends to gnarly, old Garnacha vines in poor mineral soils: poetic symbolism for this rebellious Scotsman who won't be tamed. To look at his labels is to realise his irreverence for the local law. With his wild winemaking techniques, Norrel is making his mark on this region with raw, fantastically assertive Garnacha wines.

### Viticulture

Grown on the single estate of 'Finca del Val' situated at 950 metres from two parcels of Syrah situated on 'cantos' or pudding stones.

### Winemaking

Grapes were hand picked into 20kg cases in the early hours in early October from the single estate of 'Finca del Val' situated at 950 metres from two parcels of Syrah situated on 'cantos' or pudding stones. Grapes were stored at between 0 and 2 degrees for 48 hours in a cool room before gentle crushing and cold soak for a further 6 days. The must was then warmed and fermentation commenced with punch downs and pigeage. Half way through fermentation of the Syrah, Viognier skins were added to aid colour stability and to add glycerol, perfume and complexity to the wine. A further maceration of 3 weeks followed after alcoholic fermentation and then the wine was aged in oak.

### Tasting Note

Unevolved and intense with light purple rim. Pronounced cassis and cigar box nose with lifted floral perfume and violets. Full and unctuous on the palate with intense black fruit characters, well integrated oak and a long glyceric finish.

### Food Matching

Perfect with dishes that pack a punch and tapas

### Awards

#### Jancis Robinson 18 Points

Spectacular and intense dark fruit on the nose! Blackcurrant, blackberries, cassis, violets, smoke and minerality. On the palate, it is rich and deep but not massive. It has mouth-watering acidity, ripe tannins, and elegant oak integration. I find this vintage more balanced than previous ones. The wine has precise fruit expression. 2018 has been the greatest year for this wine. 18/20, FC, Jan 2021

### Technical Details

#### Varieties:

Syrah 95%  
Viognier 5%

ABV: 14.5%

Closure: Natural cork

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

### Oak Treatment

Time: 14 months

Type: French, Stockinger  
and Sylvain Oak

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: None