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The 2018 Cuesta de las Liebres is a 100% Tempranillo wine from Quebrada del Botija in Peñafiel, Ribera del Duero. It was aged for 24 months in new French oak barrels. With a dark garnet hue, the nose reveals woody notes of cedar and vanilla, complemented by ripe blue and blackberries, wild herbs and dried flowers. The dry, juicy palate shows reactive tannins that elevate the energetic palate to a robust and rewarding red wine.

- By Joaquín Hidalgo on September 2023

Sommelier and owner of the José María restaurant in Segovia since 1982, José María Ruiz decided to create a wine for his restaurant. In 1987, Ruiz began the Pago de Carraovejas project in Peñafiel, Ribera del Duero, which evolved into one of the region's most dynamic wineries. His son, Pedro, now leads the winery, expanding the business to include Alma Carraovejas with wineries in Nieva (Ossian), Galicia (Mein & Emilio Rojo) and Gredos (Marañones). Pago de Carraovejas boasts a restaurant and offers tourists a range of other amenities. Aludena Calvo oversees winemaking and has implemented a rejuvenated approach, blending Bordeaux varieties with Tempranillo. Pago de Carraovejas has transitioned from the ripe, structured profile of the past to a balanced, fruit-forward red by the 2020 vintage, a transformation less apparent in their parcel wines such as Anejón and Cuesta Las Liebres.