

BODEGAS ORDÓÑEZ MONTSANT

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D.O. Montsant

DENOMINACION DE ORIGEN: D.O. Montsant

LOCATION: Falset, capital of Priorat. This town is situated in the southeastern part of the region, in a valley surrounded by the Sierra del Montsant and Sierra de Llaberia mountains. Located in the watershed of the Siurana River, between the Camp of Tarragona and mouth of the Ebro River.

VARIETAL: 40% Cariñena (Mazuelo) planted in sandy clay soils. 10% Syrah planted in limestone, and 50% Garnacha planted in licorella slate.

VINEYARDS

YEAR(S) PLANTED: Between the 1930's and 1970's.

VITICULTURE: Traditional dry farmed viticulture. Organic Gobelet trained vines. Cultivated completely by hand, with minimal human intervention.

SOILS: Three different soils – slate (licorella), sandy clay soils, and limestone.

CLIMATE: Mediterranean climate with strong climatic influences from the mountains that surround D.O. Montsant. Drastic temperature differences between day and night.

WINEMAKING: Harvested in small boxes. Cold maceration before fermentation with indigenous yeast in stainless steel tanks. The wine is transferred to barrel for malolactic fermentation.

AGEING: 10 months sur lie in French oak Burgundy and Bordeaux barrels.

COMMENTS: When it was formed, D.O. Priorat ignored twelve villages that belonged to the historic Priorat region and Cataluña. These twelve towns now form D.O. Montsant, a region tied to Cataluña's culture and history. All of the vineyards are controlled completely distinctly and individually, in order to take advantage of the characteristics that the different terrains contribute to the Garnacha and other grapes. Similarly, the wine is vinified in separate, distinct lots separated by the zones that the grapes are sourced from. This extracts the different qualities of each soil - the fruit forward nature of the fruit sourced from the sandy soils, the complexity and concentration of the licorella, and the structure of the limestone soils. The best lots of each vinification are blended after in order to obtain this unique wine, which demonstrates the range of qualities of the terroir of Montsant.

