

Zerran 2019

Cooperativa Falset Marçá - D.O. Montsant



Location & Vineyard	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.
Year(s) Planted	Between the 1970 and 1995.
Variety	40% Cariñena (Mazuelo) planted in sandy clay soils. 10% Syrah planted in limestone, and 50% Garnacha planted in licorella slate.
Viticulture	Traditional dry farmed viticulture. Organic Gobelet trained vines. Cultivated completely by hand, with minimal human intervention.
Yields	1.2 T/acre (3 T/Ha.)
Vineyard Area	50 acres (20 Ha.)
Altitude	1500-1800 ft. (500-600 m.)
Soils	Three different soils – slate (licorella), sandy clay soils, and limestone.
Climate & Harvest	Mediterranean climate with strong climatic influences from the mountains that surround D.O. Montsant. Drastic temperature differences between day and night. End of September and beginning of October.
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.
Production	Natural fining in barrel, lightly filtered. 10,000 bottles.

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.