



Ciclic Red 2013

Varieties: Red Grenache (Garnacha tinta) from the best plot from a single vineyard

Vineyard: in the zone denominated "Pla de les Vinyes" (Catalan for Vineyards Plateau) dominated to the north by the Serra Llarga mountain range, on horseback between the regions of Segrià and Noguera, situated on an estate of 11,3 ha of vineyard cultivated following the ecological viticulture since its beginnings and since 2012 also certified as Biodynamic, looking for the maximum expression and singularity of this unique terroir. Distributed in 14 plots, where the latest technology blends with vegetative covers of wild flowers that increase the biodiversity in the vineyard as well as richness of the soil, in order to provide the plant with the friendliest environment, seeking to obtain better wines year after year. We collaborate with institutions conducting leading viticultural studies. Orientation of the rows NW-SE. Planting density of 4166 vines/ha and planting framework of 2,40 x 1,00 metre. Soil texture: loose sandy soil with high percentage of big river stones.



Climate: mesoclimate Mediterranean with continental influence, characterized by a high contrast of temperatures between winter and summer, that oscillates between -10°C and 37 °C respectively. Low rainfalls with annual regimen of 310 mm/year, mainly concentrated in autumn and spring. Dry summers with up to 150 l/m2 of rains during the vegetative cycle. Thermal amplitudes of *veraison* until collection of 18°C on average. Winter mists are frequent and intense. The harshness of this climate is the result of orography in a natural corridor between the mountains of the Pyrenees and the Ebro Valley. Despite being an area near the sea, just over 85 km, and its influence does not reach, because the coastal and pre-coastal mountain ranges block its way and make the environment cooler and continental at night during maturation. The vegetation surrounding the vineyard reflects the harshness of this climate. It is made up of Mediterranean-type garrigue, where aromatic shrubs and holm oaks dominate.

Vines: with 110Richter rootstock and formed in a double Cordon de Royat with two support levels to promote better foliar exposure to light, as well as facilitate the airing of the clusters and prevent humidity from activating the fungi.

Harvest: grapes coming entirely from our estate. Rich and diverse year, rather fresh. Cold winter with usual frosts. Cold and rainy spring, and especially warm and dry autumn in benefit of optimal maturations that resulted in a great vintage. Selected manual harvest during the beginning of October, in 8kg cases and cooled down immediately after being picked up to 6°C.

Vinification: Pre-fermentative skin maceration of the Garnacha for 3 days carefully keeping the cap wet. Fermentation at 24-26°C with periodical pumping overs. Post-fermentative maceration determined by tasting, until obtaining the desired structure of a great "vin du garde".

Aging: 18 months in 500L French barrels from selected French oak forests, light to medium toast.

Production: 6280 bottles of 75cl.

Tasting note: vivid ruby red color of medium intensity and bright edges. Very complex and intense aromas of cocoa, cotton lavender, thyme, bay leaf, spices, prune and candied cherries, which, when aired, turn towards peppercorn, mahogany, fresh balsamic notes, ripe black fruit and tomato marmalade. Pleasant entry, rich, well structured, silky and elegant tannins rounded by the aging. Great balance between the aging and the fruit. Highly complex and lingering. Very gastronomic.

