

BRAND : LAS COLINAS DEL EBRO

WINE : GARNACHA BLANCA

D.O. : TERRA ALTA

Terra Alta, or High Land, is the largest Denominación de Origen in Catalonia, and is a region that is just beginning to realise its massive winemaking potential. Close to Priorat, the area boasts similarly ancient vines of Garnacha Blanca, Garnacha Negra, Cariñena, with a small pockets of imported varieties, such as Syrah, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The land itself is characterised by extreme seasons, accentuated by its altitude of 400-600 metres above sea level. The winters are cold and dry, with temperatures picking up around May and remaining consistently hot by day until late September. Nights are always refreshingly cool, allowing for longer maturation of grapes. Rainfall is scarce, with an average of 400-500mm per year, and most vineyards remain unirrigated.

LOCATION

Batea - 95 km from Tarragona and 180 from Barcelona, 382 meters above sea level.

CLIMATE

The climate is mixture of Mediterranean and continental. The summers are long, hot and dry and the winters are very cold. The average annual temperature is 16.5°C (max 35°C in summer, min -5°C in winter). There is a risk of late frosts in spring. Average annual rainfall is about 400 mm. A dry wind, known as el Cierzo from the valley of the River Ebro is influential in keeping humidity low and thus protecting the vines from disease.

SOIL TYPE

The soils are clayey, with a good lime content, poor in organic material, with a significant proportion of sizable elements which allows for good drainage.

VINES 100% Garnacha Blanca.

ELABORATION

A selection of hand picked old vine Garnacha Blanca was made for Las Colinas del Ebro Blanco. The grapes were destemmed and lightly crushed before being gently pressed and then cold settled before temperature controlled fermentation. A portion of free run macerated juice was added to the fermentation to give complexity.

OAK 2 months french oak.

TASTING NOTE

Medium straw-colored, it exhibits an attractive perfume of mineral, spring flowers, white peach, and melon that jumps from the glass. On the palate it is exceptionally concentrated, mouth-filling, and vibrant with plenty of spicy fruit, good depth, and a fruit-filled finish. This wine was given 90 Parker points.

ANALYTICAL

- ALCOHOL : 13.05%
- RESIDUAL SUGAR :
- TOTAL ACIDITY : 6.30g/l
- PH :

