

BRAND : LAS COLINAS DEL EBRO

WINE : SYRAH GARNACHA

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 Syrah 60%, Garnacha Negra 40%.

ELABORATION

Hand picked old vine Syrah and Garnacha Negra. The wine is made entirely from first press free run juice which gives an intense fruit aroma and sweet tannin structure. A short exposure to French oak adds complexity.

OAK

2 months french oak.

TASTING NOTE

The wine is notable for its purity, length and balance.

ANALYTICAL

- ALCOHOL : 14.45%
- RESIDUAL SUGAR :
- TOTAL ACIDITY : 4.60g/l
- PH :

