NALTRES

Naltres is the word for "we" in the area around Vallbona. This wine is an expression of the collective project of the many hands behind it. A tribute to the people who make it possible: their names (all the names!) can be seen on the label.

RED WINE

2021 DO Costers del Segre Sub-area Valls del Riu Corb

Varieties

Grenache (87%), Cabernet Sauvignon (10%) and Carignan (3%)









TERROIR

Weather

The climate is continental Mediterranean, with cold dry winters and hot summers tempered by the soft evening breeze blowing in from the sea that cools the night, particularly during the ripening season. The scarce rainfall is concentrated in autumn and spring (350-450 mm yearly).

Original land plots

Vineyards from Bosc de la Vila in the Corb River Valley subzone of the Costers del Segre DO. Plots characterised by the drystone walls that surround the vineyards, preserving the fertility of the soil and the efficiency of the water.

Soil

Chalky clay soil with variable levels of stoniness and depth.

Characteristics of the 2021 vintage

The 2021 vintage was close to the average of the sub-area, in contrast to the last three years, which had been more heterogeneous. The snowfall in January loaded the depth profile of the soil and this allowed the plant to reach the harvest with moderate water stress, ideal for the final quality of the fruit. A single episode of rain during the harvest allowed us to harvest in very good sanitary conditions. In terms of temperatures, it has been a year with exceptionally high peaks in June, August and September, with a usual average for the rest of the year and with cool nights during September and October, which has allowed a very balanced maturation.

THE WINE

Viticulture and wine processing

Certified organic dry land farming. We hand-pick the grapes into 10-12 kilo boxes. The grapes are then fermented whole in *pigeage* vats with a regular puch-down of the cap and under controlled temperature of 25-28°C. The wine is aged in the same vat and left to rest in the bottle.

Analysis

Alcohol content: 15% Total acidity: 4.03 g/l (sulphuric acid) Volatile acidity: 0.46 g/l Residual sugar: 0.4 g/l (glucose+fructose) Total sulphur: 11 mg/l

Tasting notes

Intense nose, with notes of ripe black fruit (candied black plum), raspberries and a hint of flowers (violet). Indulgent bouquet, with a full body. The ripe fruit notes return with a long and complex aftertaste.

Goes well with all types of game meat. Excellent accompaniment to duck-based dishes or tradicional meat cannelloni.

Awards

Peñín guide: 2022: 89 points (2018 vintage) 2021: 88 points (2017 vintage) 2020: 89 points (2017 vintage) 2019: 89 points (2015 vintage)

Guia de Vins de Catalunya:

2021: 9.40 points (2017 vintage) 2020: 9.40 points (2017 vintage) 2019: 9.2 points (2016 vintage) 2018: 9.04 points (2015 vintage) Grenaches du Monde 2021: Gold medal (2018 vintage) Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2020: Silver medal (2017 vintage) Ecoracimo 2020: Great Gold medal (2017 vintage) International Wine Awards 2019: Silver medal (2016 vintage) Golden Leaf Awards: 2019: Gold medal (2016 vintage) 2017: Bronze medal (2015 vintage) Catavinum 2017: Silver medal (2015 vintage)