

# 2021 SECRET DEL PRIORAT, DOQ PRIORAT



# WINERY

Familia Torres founded its first winery in Vilafranca del Penedès in 1870, more than 150 years ago, but its roots in the winegrowing traditions of Spain date back to the 16th century. Five generations have carried the family business forward, passing on their passion for wine culture from parents to children. The family's connection to Priorat dates back to the early 20th century, when the family first sold wines from this legendary region, but its commitment deepened in 1996 with the purchase of 75 hectares in Porrera and El Lloar. In 2008, Familia Torres built a winery in El Lloar, in the heart of Priorat, designed by architect Miquel Espinet with modernity and functionality in mind. Today, the family's land holdings have expanded within the region, with a focus on old vines and extraordinary enclaves.

# WINE

Secret del Priorat reflects the typicity and diversity of this incredible region, a land of small miracles that happen every day, like the flowers on a lone almond tree in the middle of the vineyard. The magical landscape of Priorat brings us this pleasant, delicate wine in a tribute to the local landscape, with its steep slopes and llicorella slate soils, and its valiant winegrowing, where nature prevails above all else. The only Familia Torres Priorat wine which blends together five varietals grown throughout the region including Garnacha, Cariñena, Syrah, Cabernet sauvignon and Merlot.

### **VINEYARDS**

Secret del Priorat is soured from throughout the region of Priorat, in areas with shallow soils developed over Carboniferous slate (Paleozoic) that drain swiftly and have a low water holding capacity which impart the unique typicity of Priorat wines. The vineyards are arranged across steep slopes with gradient up to 60%!

# VINTAGE NOTES

2021 experienced below-average precipitation, but it started with a significant snowstorm that helped replenish the water table. The remainder of the year saw irregular rainfall patterns. Summer rains played a positive role in fruit development, while the rainfall in September slightly affected the start of the harvest. Temperature-wise, 2021 was generally within normal range, although February was warmer than usual. This early warmth accelerated bud break, but as cooler spring temperatures arrived, budding slowed down.

# WINEMAKING

12 months in second-fill French oak barrels.

# **TASTING NOTES**

Beautiful dark cherry red with great depth of color. Powerful on the nose, revealing rich fruit notes reminiscent of red cherry jam and exquisite undertones of ripe fruit (dried grapes, dates) with a touch of spices (black pepper). Flavorful, supple, and light on the palate, but with lush elegance. Well-structured with a backbone of delicate, finely grained tannins. Seductive and modern in personality, seeking elegance over robustness.

# **VINEYARD**

Region: Catalunya
Appellation: Priorat

Soil: Carboniferous slate (Paleozoic)

Eco-Practices: Sustainable, Solar

# WINEMAKING

Varietals: Garnacha, Cariñena, Syrah, Cabernet sauvignon

and Merlo

Aging: Aged in second-fill French oak barrels for 12 months

# TECHNICAL DETAIL

Alcohol: 13.5%Residual Sugar: < 0.5 g/LTotal Acidity: 5.4 g/LpH: 3.5

