





## D.O.CATALUNYA SPAIN

The idea of the internationally-styled Ressò was spurred by the discovery of extremely old Garnacha vines in Catalunya in western Catalonia. More so than the region's other varietals, Garnacha offers greater potential quality as well as flavor and aromatic profiles that naturally lend themselves to an international clientele.

Located in the Terra Alta region, the vineyards experience an extreme Mediterranean climate that creates very special fruit. With only meagre rainfall of about 14" per year, very cold winters and very hot summers, the region is also extremely windy, alternately buffeted by the seemingly indefatigable "Cers" (from the interior toward the sea), and the "Garbí" (a semi-consistent offshore breeze toward the land).

With calcareous clay soils, the vineyards are planted using the goblet system with a short pruning system and an average plant density of 2,500 vines per hectare. The old Grenache vines and associated low yields concentrate varietal character while they essentialize the region's radical environmental characteristics. The younger Tempranillo vines are trellised, spur-pruned, and planted at a density of 3,000 vines per hectare.

The Catalan word "ressò" means echo or notoriety, appropriate for wines that so resoundingly resonate the flavor of the Mediterranean coast.

The Catalunya D0 is situated in the northern most part of the Iberian Peninsula between the Mediterranean Sea and the Pyrenees, the Catalunya D0 boasts approximately 60,000 vineyard hectares located in more than 300 villages. More than 2,000 years of vinegrowing and winemaking have endowed Catalunya with a wide range of indigenous Catalan varietals and spurred the development of unique wine traditions, now integrated seamlessly with the landscape, the gastronomy, the people and their culture.

## **GARNACHA BLANCO**

Harvested from extremely old Garnacha Blanca vines – 50+ years of age! Low overnight temperatures aided polyphenolic maturation, allowing the grapes to show a high physical ripeness while protecting acidity. quite floral and fruity with a hint of citrus on the nose; on the palate, white flowers with apple and peach flavors are backed by mineral notes and crisp acidity; excellent with fish, shellfish, light pastas and chicken; also ideal with medium soft cheeses

## **GARNACHA & TEMPRANILLO**

80% Garnacha harvested from 20+ year-old vines blended with Tempranillo from 5-10 year-old vines. complex, floral nose with red fruits and mineral tones; candied strawberries and black raspberry flavors are augmented by licorice, mineral and peppery notes; wonderful alongside all white and red meats, and an enthusiastic accompaniment to all firm or aged cheeses

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