WHITE WINE

2022 DO Costers del Segre

Sub-area Valls del Riu Corb

Varieties

Macabeo(86%), Parellada (5%), White Grenache (3%), Malvasia (2%), Chardonnay (2%) and Xarel-lo (2%)





L'Olivera





BLANC DE SERÈ

"Serè" is the catalan name for a north-western wind that blows in Vallbona de les Monges and the whole of the inland area. Blanc de Serè is cool and dry, like the wind. This was the wine chosen when L'Olivera decided to move from vine growing into winemaking and embarked on this new endeavor in 1989.

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 different municipalities 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.

Features of the 2022 vintage

The 2022 vintage was very complicated at an agronomic level: spring frosts, very little rainfall (30% below the average of recent years), and several exceptional episodes of days with temperatures above 35° C, with average temperatures above the norm. All these elements led to limited plant development and a considerable reduction in production (between 30 and 40% lower than average in our rainfed viticulture conditions). These extreme conditions of heat and drought forced us to advance the harvest a lot to maintain the balance of the grapes. We started it usually early on August 16th and finished it on September 26th. The conditions of drought and low humidity allowed, at least, to obtain a grape in ideal sanitary conditions and without any fungal or disease damage.

THE WINE

Viticulture and wine processing

Certified organic dry land farming. We harvest the grapes manually with the stems. Each variety is fermented separately in stainless steel vats at a controlled temperature between 15°C and 17°C. Once blended, the wine is bottled in small batches progressively from December/January to May.

Analysis

Alcohol content: 12% Total acidity: 3.77 g/l (sulphuric acid) Volatile acidity: 0.48 g/l Residual sugar: <0.2 g/l (glucose+fructose) Total sulphur: 80 mg/l

Tasting notes

Straw yellow colour with green hues, clear and bright. Citric notes and white fruit (pear) stand out on the nose, with floral (white flower) and tropical notes. On the palate it has a fresh entry and the citrus and floral hints return, with a good acidity that gives it persistence. The Blanc de Serè is a perfect accompaniment to starters and salads and also to dishes based on oily fish or shellfish.

Awards

Peñín Guide: 2020: 86 points (2018 vintage)

Guia de Vins de Catalunya: 2020: 9.07 points (2018 vintage) 2019: 9.6 points (2017 vintage) 2018: 9.3 points (2016 vintage) International Wine Awards 2019: Silver medal (2018 vintage) Golden Leaf Awards 2017: Silver medal (2016 vintage) Catavinum 2017: Silver medal (2016 vintage)