ARRAONA BLANC

This wine takes its name from the old Iberian village of Sabadell. It was created on the Can Gambús property in the Sabadell Agricultural Park with the aim of reclaiming the wine-growing past of the city and recovering agricultural, cultural and landscape values.

WHITE WINE 2022 DO Catalunya

Varieties

Xarel·lo (50%) and Chardonnay (50%)









TERROIR

Weather

Climate of a Mediterranean influence, characterised by mild winters, hot summers, moderate temperature changes and scarce and strongly irregular seasonal rainfall. The sea breeze comes along in the afternoon, easing the high summer temperatures.

Original land plots

Vineyards from the Can Gamús estate in the Sabadell Agricultural Park. The Agricultural Park is an undeveloped protected agroforestry space to the west of the municipal area, between the districts of Castellarnau, Can Gambús and Ca n'Oriac. The land combines forests and streams with rainfed and irrigated cropland.

Soil

Chalky clay soil with a variable presence of stones, mainly pebbles, and a good capacity for water retention.

Characteristics of the 2022 vintage

The 2022 vintage has been marked by a continuous drought, which has exacerbated the extreme conditions of 2021. After a winter and an early spring with normal temperatures, May began with a sudden increase in temperatures that lasted until August, reaching at 37.5°C in May or 38.8°C in August, surpassing some historical records and with heat waves that lasted for more than three consecutive weeks. This, added to the low rainfall (393.7 litres in all of 2022), has led to the loss of the flower and the premature dehydration of the grapes and, as a consequence, a reduction in production of up to 50% of some of the more sensitive varieties.

THE WINE

Viticulture and wine processing

Certified organic farming. Manual harvest in 10 kilo boxes and press them whole, including seeds and stems. The varieties are fermented separately in oak barrels, mostly French, and with 60% second-year barrels, in order to respect the varietal character of the grapes and achieve an optimal balance in the contribution of the wood. It is aged on lees with weekly *battonage* for 4-5 month, creating a more full-bodied palate and subtly and elegantly incorporating the woody notes into the flavour of the wine.

Analysis

Alcohol content: 13%

Total acidity: 3.19 g/l (sulphuric acid)

Volatile acidity: 0.26 g/l

Residual sugar: 0.5 g/l (glucose+fructose)

Total sulphur: 77 mg/l

Tasting notes

In the nose, intense bouquet of white fruit (pear, apple, melon) and tropical fruit (banana, pineapple) with hints of aromatic plants suchs as fennel and notes of raw almond and sweet spices (clove). In the mouth it is a fresh wine, with volume and a long aftertaste where the toasted notes of the wood appear. Long and slightly bitter finish. Goes well with rice and stewed legumes. Ideal for pairing with pasta plates and all kind of fish and white meat.

Awards

International Wine Awards 2019: Gold medal (2017 vintage)