

FAMILIA TORRES



MAS DE LA ROSA, DOQ PRIORAT — 2017

Originating from a Torres family-owned vineyard comprising 80-year-old Cariñena and Garnacha vines. Reaching almost 500 meters (1,640 feet) at its highest point, the vineyard is only accessible by a narrow, winding, unpaved road. The selection of the most prized fruit from this truly remarkable vineyard casts inspiration for this iconic and limited bottling.

2017 VINTAGE NOTES:

The weather of the 2017 vintage began to stand out by the end of winter when the vegetative cycle began with above average abundant rainfall. The end of the vegetative cycle was marked by an extremely hot spring and early dry summer. In the warmer lower elevations of the region, these conditions accelerated the ripening cycle and the harvest date was brought forward about 10 days earlier than average. Although in the cooler higher elevations of Porrera, the heat had less influence. Overall, the conditions and clones in the Mas de la Rosa vineyards favored a great quality harvest of fruit.

VINEYARDS:

Varietal Composition: Garnacha and Cariñena

Appellation: DOQ Priorat

Soil: The vineyard is known as Coster (a Catalan word that denotes a steep slope). The soil is shallow and comprised of only one horizon, with bedrock immediately underneath (about 10–15 cm). It is relatively acidic, with low organic matter derived from weathered llicorella, a type of dark copper-colored laminated rock. The vines spread their roots around the rocky layers in search of moisture, water and nutrients.

VINIFICATION:

Fermentation: In stainless steel tanks under controlled temperatures

Winemaking: 8–9 days maceration

Aging: 16 months in new French oak barrels

TECHNICAL DETAILS:

Alcohol: 14.0%

pH: 3.26

Total Acidity: 5.43 g/L

Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/L

TASTING NOTES:

Low yield farming welcomes opulence and fine silken tannins. Ripe summer plum, baked cherry and mulberry depth is integrated with generous and lingering notes of cocoa, vanillin and licorice.



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