

# FAMILIA TORRES



## 2022 CLOS ANCESTRAL RED, DO Penedès

### WINERY

Familia Torres founded its first winery in Vilafranca del Penedès in 1870, over 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 — a passion steeped in respect for land and tradition, and a firm belief in innovation. Today the family focuses on wines from unique vineyards and historical estates, as well as the recovery of ancestral varieties.

### WINE

Since the 1980s, Familia Torres have been recovering ancestral varieties to restore Catalonia's viticultural heritage and combat climate change. Some of these varieties, like Moneu from Penedès, not only have great potential for winemaking but are also highly resistant to high temperatures and drought. We are thrilled to now include Moneu in the Clos Ancestral blend.

### VINEYARDS

Vineyards have existed around Castell de la Bleda for more than 2,000 years, a winegrowing enclave in the heart of Penedès, the region Familia Torres calls home. Winemaking vestiges have been found in the area which date back to Iberian, Roman and medieval times.

The Moneu variety grows in deep, yellowish grey-brown soils with a loamy texture. They are poor in organic matter with high levels of calcium carbonate. The Tempranillo and Garnacha vines grow in calcareous clay soils.

### VINTAGE NOTES

In the Penedès region, 2022 was a very dry year. Precipitation levels stayed low throughout the growth season, especially towards the end, which was very dry and received negligible amounts of rainfall. Temperatures were higher than usual throughout the year with several heat waves during the spring and summer. Temperatures remained high during the ripening period as well.

### WINEMAKING

In stainless steel under controlled temperature. Malolactic fermentation in stainless steel and second-fill barrels.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine exhibits a dark cherry red color. It's nose is intense, filled with ripe fruit notes such as raspberry jam, complemented by toasted nuances and a hint of spice. On the palate, it is robust, supported by fine, pleasing tannins.



### VINEYARD

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- Appellation:** Penedès
- Soil:** The Moneu variety grows in deep, yellowish greyish brown soils with a loamy texture. The Tempranillo and Garnacha vines grow in calcareous clay soils.
- Eco-Practices:** Organic, Regeneratively farmed.

### WINEMAKING

- Varietals:** 50% Tempranillo 30% Garnacha, 20% Moneu
- Aging:** Around 60% of the wine was fermented in second-fill barrels for 10 months, while the rest was fermented in stainless steel tanks. The Moneu variety was partially aged in vats and amphorae.

### TECHNICAL DETAIL

- Alcohol:** 14%
- Residual Sugar:** 0.4 g/L
- Total Acidity:** 5 g/L
- pH:** 3.67