

RED CLOS D'AGON VALMAÑA 2020

Oenology and Viticulture:	MIGUEL CORONADO / PACO BALSERA
Cellar founded:	1987
Vintage classification:	Very good
Launching:	June 2022
Grape source:	100% of the grapes are selected in our vineyards located in Calonge (Baix Empordà)
Region:	D.O. Empordà
Soil:	Red slate and Clay
Topography:	Small valley located at the beginning of the mountain range of "Las Gavarres" (Protected Natural Area) and a few kilometres away from the Costa Brava
Orientation:	Different orientations depending on the plot, mostly N-S
Height above sea level:	Between 40 and 200 m above sea level
Climate:	Mediterranean
Annual rainfall average:	657,6 mm
Average temperature:	Min. 10,6 °C Max. 21.5 °C Annual Average: 16 °C
Hours of sun light:	2.300 hours
Grapes varieties (%):	51% Merlot, 29% Cabernet Franc, 12% Syrah, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon
Year of planting of vines:	Between 1991 and 2004
Vine density:	4.000-4.500 vines/ha depending on the vineyard
Viticulture:	Traditional practices in trellis in the area
Pruning style:	Double Guyot
Cultivation methods:	Mechanical and manual. Integrated Production
Irrigation:	No
Green Harvest:	Yes
Yields per Hectare:	4500-5000 kg/ha
Harvest:	Manual
Harvest date:	From 15th to 21st of September 2020
Destemming:	Yes
Cold maceration:	5 days
Alcoholic fermentation:	100% in Stainless Steel tanks of 50 and 80 hl
Malolactic fermentation:	100% in barrels during 2 months with continuous battonages
Aging:	18 months of aging in barrels
Barrels:	100% in French oak. 40% new barrels and 60% 1 wine barrels
Fining:	Yes
Cold stabilization:	No
Filtration:	Yes

ANALYSIS

Alcohol by volume:	14.5 %
Total acidity:	5.39 g/l
pH:	3.50
Volatile acidity:	0.62



PRODUCTION

0.75l: 10,400 bottles · **1.5l:** 625 bottles · **6l:** 60 bottles



TASTING NOTES

Clos d'Agon Valmaña is a wine of great intensity, cherry red color and great vivacity.

Obtained mainly from our Merlot plots and supplemented with Syrah and Cabernet Franc, year after year we can see how the vines of these plots are reaching their peak, fine-tuning the wines they produce, which results in greater elegance, but without losing the great fruit load provided by Merlot.

On the nose it allows to appreciate deep aromas of fresh red fruits, wrapped by toasted touches that make it very intense. Magnificent intensity with initial notes of slate, licorice, dark chocolate, scrub and other balsamics. Over time it gains in ripe fruit and leather, keeping the spicy and balsamic ones.

On the palate is lively, with a lot of structure and very fresh. It is very concentrated, intense, powerful, slightly fleshy and very persistent. Long finish, aftertaste of black fruit and very smoked.

Throughout the whole stands out the character of the Merlot grape grown in the Mediterranean.

The year 2020 was characterized by a very rainy start of the year and spring, which required extreme care to avoid fungal diseases

After this critical point, it developed like a normal year, although the previous rains helped preserve the soil's water reserves for a good period

The temperatures behaved within normality throughout the year, not being excessively high during the summer

With this, the grape reached an adequate maturation and very good volumes, preserving its natural acidity. Alcohol content decreased compared to previous years

All this results in expressive and fruity wines that, in any case, present freshness and are fine, elegant and with great potential for aging and evolution, giving red Valmaña with a long life expectancy

Wine Conservation:

For optimum evolution of the wine in the bottle, it is advisable to keep in place at a more or less constant temperature between 9 and 17 °C, with relative humidity of 65-80%, protected from light and, if possible, out of its box and horizontally if it is not going to consume in a short space of time.

Consumption Tips:

Suitable to be tasted from the moment it is bottled. Its optimum of consumption begins from the third year after its bottling. However red Clos d'Agon Valmaña can be considered a wine of guard, with characteristics that allow it to last for a great number of years, provided that the bottle has been kept in the proper conservation conditions.