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Celler de Capçanes, Cap Sentit Orange, DO Catalunya, Spain, 2022

Producer Profile

Nestled in the rugged hills of the Catalan countryside, in the tiny village bearing its name, is the well-respected Celler de Capçanes.

It was this wild Montsant landscape which first captivated Jürgen Wagner back in the early 90s, but it was the huge potential he recognised in this unique village co-operative that determined what followed. Pouring all his efforts into working with the growers to nurture the best from their vineyards and the most honest expressions of their terroir, Celler de Capçanes has established itself as one of the most engaging and outward looking wineries in the area. A combination of diverse vineyard plots and old vine Garnacha is captured and eloquently expressed in all their wines. Winemaker, Anna Rovira together with Jürgen, conjure up complex and characterful wines that show how, with a shared vision, focus on quality and hard work, great wines and an enviable reputation are not the exclusive birth right of prestigious single estates.

Viticulture

The 100% Garnacha Blanca harvested in early September from old bush vines cultivated in and around the village of Capçanes.

Winemaking

As an orange wine, it is produced with extended skin contact during vinification of the white grapes, more usual in red wine making. After a 15 day maceration on the skins, fermentation is carried out at a controlled temperature (16°C) in stainless steel tanks and lightly pressed afterwards. The wine is then aged on its lees before a light fining prior to bottling.

Tasting Note

A delicious wine made from 100% Garnacha Blanca grapes with an intense golden colour and amber reflections due to the time on skins; the nose is reminiscent of ripe peach, apricot and floral notes, whilst the palate displays the textural appeal of the variety, orchard fruit characters and perfectly poised acidity.

Food Matching

This wine is incredibly versatile and makes the perfect accompaniment when served chilled with charcuterie, cured or strong cheeses, or any lightly spiced Asian dishes.



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