

Llàgrimes de tardor *crianza* 2016

Style: Full bodied and firm red wine

Grapes: 55% grenache, 20% carignan, 20% syrah, 5% cabernet sauvignon

Harvest: manual for grenache and carignan. By machine syrah and cabernet sauvignon.

Harvest dates: syrah on September 9th, grenache from September 12th to 14th, cabernet from September 29th to 30th and carignan on October 1st

Barrels: French oak, 225 L, from 1 to 5 years old

Aging in barrels: 12 months and at least 8 months in the bottle

Region: Terra Alta, Southern Catalonia

PDO: DO Terra Alta

Bottling date: June 2018

Production: 87,291 bot. x 750 ml & 1,754 bot. 500 ml

Stopper: natural cork, 44 x 24 mm

Alcohol content: 14.36 % by Vol.

Total acidity: 5.2 g/l

Total sugar: 0.24 g/l

Tasting notes: It shows an intense red colour and classic nose of traditional grenache fruity aromas with fine and typical hints from aging and terroir. It is full-bodied and rounded with very fine tannins.

Storage and serving suggestions: Under good storage conditions it will preserve its characteristics at least up to 2025. It is not necessary to decant. Serve cool (15° C).

Awards: **Silver medal at Grenaches du Monde 2018**

This wine is mostly made from grenache and carignan traditional vines spread over about one hundred and fifty small plots with a total surface of 62 ha. The average age of the plants is over thirty-two years old and cultivated with traditional methods typical of Mediterranean viticulture. The high oenological value of these vineyards is explained by its high resistance to drought, its regular and moderate production (less than 6,000 kg/hectare), its non compacted fruit with small grapes and its balanced and homogeneous ripening of the fruit. The rest of the wine comes from syrah grapes and in a much smaller amount from cabernet sauvignon. The varieties are vinified separately following traditional methods under controlled conditions. The wine is then blended, clarified, filtered and bottled. Llàgrimes de tardor crianza red wine is note-worthy for its varietal features, dominated by traditional vines, a careful production and an aging process in the bottle significantly longer than those of other conventional "crianza" wine. We have produced this wine since 1996 and it is one of the most important aged wine under the Protected Designation of Origin Terra Alta.

