

## Llàgrimes de tardor *crianza* 2018

Aged red, full bodied and structured Terra Alta PDO

### Viticulture

Region: Terra Alta, Southern Catalonia PDO: DO Terra Alta

Grapes: 56% Grenache, 28% Carignan, 8% Syrah, 4% Cab. Sauv. , 4% Peluda Grenache from selected vineyards. Grenaches and Carignan are 20 or more years old

Growing and conduction system: conventional agriculture, mostly dry grove and traditional system.

### About 2018 vintage

Local weather from October to September: 14.6° average temperature and 411 mm of rain per square metre. Fresh spring with frequent rains but not significant and hot and dry summer. Dry vintage although with a perfect ripening of the grapes.

### Elaboration

Harvest dates: Syrah on 17/09; Grenache from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>; Peluda Grenache September 21<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; Cabernet September 29<sup>th</sup> and Carignan on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Manual harvest and mechanical for Syrah and Cab. Sauv.

Vinification: separately for each variety in stainless steel tanks

Aging time: 12 months, French oak 225L barrels, 1 to 5 years old and 10 months in the bottle

Bottling date: July 2020

Production: 75.356 bot. 750 ml

Stopper: 44 x 24 mm natural cork

Alcohol content: 15.07 % by Vol.; Total acidity: 5.6 g/l; Total sugar: <0.6 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 2028. It is not necessary to decant. Serve cool (15° C).

*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.*

