

Buil & Giné 2015 Montsant '17-XI'

WineWise Code	SBG-MON15
Country	Spain
Region	Montsant / Priorat
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	3500 cases
Varieties	40% Red Garnacha, 40% Cariñena, and 20% Tempranillo
Maceration Notes	temperature controlled, long maceration
Fermentation vessel	Oak
Aging method	Cask 100%
Aging duration (months)	3-5 months
Vine age (years)	10-45

WineWise Notes:

It could be said that Montsant is to Priorat what Crozes is to Hermitage, except that it lacks nothing in the way of spectacular landscape. The main distinguishing feature actually is the soil, which is not licorella. Endowed with the kind of richness derived from old vines (maximum age 45 years) this beauty sings of stone fruits and a distinctive minerality.

Notes from the producer:

Buil and Giné is based in Gratallops, the core of the DOQ Priorat, where they produce all their wines, and where they own 200 acres of beautiful licorella soils terraced vineyard. Their oldest vineyards were planted in 1908. Their vineyards are 45% Red Garnacha, 30% Cariñena, 10% White varieties (White Garnacha, Macabeu, Viognier, and PX), and 15% other red varieties, like Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah. Buil and Giné started the organic certification process for their vineyards in 2014 and will have all properties certified by 2021. They wanted to utilize the winery and vineyards as a way to share their way of life, a life centered around wine, so the wine must show the character of the local grapes, the minerality of the soil, and must be enjoyable and affordable. More than 15 years ago, they were able to purchase a vineyard in Toro (Pago del Oro), and in Rueda, each producing 1 single vineyard wine for each of those DO's.

Joan Giné Giné found Buil and Giné who made wine and raised his son and grandson in these dramatic vineyards. They started making their first wines in 1996: Giné Giné. Joan Giné believed in "Traditional Viticulture", growing vines organically. Following the path he set-out, they do all the work 100% organically. He pioneered and founded the wine cooperative, with the goal of preserving the territory and the culture of the region.

WineWise Notes on Buil & Giné:

The Buil and Giné family returned to their winemaking roots in the rapidly evolving Priorat region in 1996 and since then have expanded into neighboring Montsant, as well as Rueda and Toro. The defining thread linking their wines seems to be pure fruit expression, richness without heaviness and excellent price-quality ratio. Young Xavier Buil, the proprietor, shows an uncanny sensibility and instinct for proportion for one so new to the craft.



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