

Las Colinas

Terra Alta DO

Grapes of Spain

Spain

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OVERVIEW

ABANICO, BODEGAS (LAS COLINAS)

Las Colinas del Ebro are a new line of wines inspired by the high altitude vines near the river Ebro, one of the great rivers of Europe and a profound influence on the landscape and history of northern Spain. The team responsible for these new wines are managing director of Bodegas Abanico, Rafael de Haan and technical director of Celler Batea, Luis Martin. They believe that the D.O. Terra Alta has a bright future as a region for quality wines and that the 2006 vintage was the right moment to start this new project. For both the white and red wines there was a search for vines aged over 100 years for the Garnacha and more than 30 years for the Syrah. Rigorous care of vineyards and small yields of flavourful grapes yields wines of the highest quality with a fruity, modern character which are still representative of their origin.

INFORMATION ON Terra Alta D.O.

Located in southern Catalonia, Terra Alta is situated in rolling hill country. Until recently, due largely to its geographical isolation, Terra Alta primarily produced wine for its own local market, and it continues to preserve a variety of traditional wine-making methods. At the same time, small private wineries and larger cooperatives are now also producing very good Mediterranean red wines. Today's vineyards were planted largely in the 1920s-50s. The cooperatives, many of which only began to bottle in the last two decades, played an important role in this rebirth of wine-making.

Climate: A mix of Mediterranean and continental with hot summers and very cold winters and an average yearly rainfall of 16 inches. The Cierzo, a dry wind from the Ebro valley plays a key part in keeping the vines and their fruit healthy.

Soil: Limestone and clay, with low organic content. A considerable portion is made up of larger elements that provide aeration and drainage for the vines.

WINES

Las Colinas del Ebro's Garnacha Blanca

The wine is made from 100 year old Garnacha Blanca vines grown in Terra Alta. Fruit was hand harvested, de-stemmed and lightly crushed prior to pressing. The must was cold-settled and a portion of must that had been macerated with the skins for 12 hours was added prior to fermentation for additional complexity. Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.

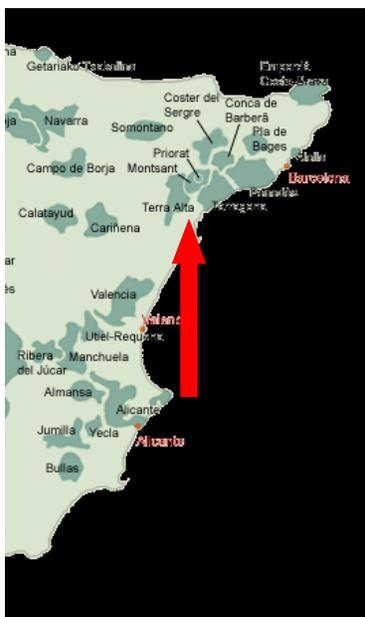
Las Colinas del Ebro's Syrah Garnacha

60% Syrah and 40% Garnacha Made from 25 year old Syrah and 35 year old Garnacha fruit that was hand harvested. Each variety was fermented and aged separately. The wine is made from only free-run juice and both varietals saw a short time in French oak barrels to add complexity and soften the tannin structure prior to blending.

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View of the vineyards



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