



EL MAS DE L'A

LO NOIR

ORIGIN

La Morera, Priorat, Catalunya

VARIETIES

95% Garnatxa Negra, 5% Pinot Noir

VINEYARD

From organically (converting to biodynamics) farmed parcels of very old Garnatxa and young Pinot Noir at 500m elevation in calcareous soils.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were harvested by hand and destemmed before fermentation and aging in used 500L Burgundy barrels for 15 months. The wine was blended in stainless steel tanks before bottling without fining or filtering, and only a small addition of SO₂.



PRODUCER PROFILE

Alfredo Arribas is that rare figure who is able to move between two very distinct worlds – those of architecture and winegrowing. Alfredo is a multi-disciplinary architect who has a body of work spanning the globe. During the 1990s, the modern style of Catalan wine was surging. Like many others Alfredo caught the wine bug, and choosing to focus his efforts in his native Catalonia he bought property in Priorat in 2001, and has been exploring the region's diverse micro-climates ever since. With his project *El Mas de L'A*, Alfredo has identified La Morera de Montsant — a valley sandwiched between the distinguished villages of Cornudella and Poboleda near Escaladei — as a place to make a new style of Priorat focused more on finesse than concentration. La Morera sits at 500 meters elevation and possesses a diversity of soil types with many north-facing vineyards. Alfredo co-planted a whole spectrum of Garnachas – Negra, Peluda, Blanco, Gris, etc. along with other indigenous grape varieties that thrive in the area, recognizing that the vineyard of the future, due to uncertain weather, should have a diversity of plantings to handle the roller coaster of climate change. Once described as an architect who “connects creativity and nature”, we have no doubt Alfredo is doing the same with wine, and his hunch about La Morera is paying off. From world class whites to vibrant claretes and finely detailed reds, El Mas de L'A is rendering a new and dynamic face of Priorat.