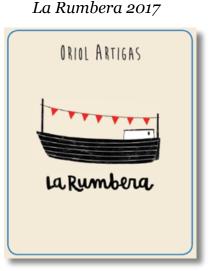


IMPORTER OF FINE IBERIAN WINES

Grower Oriol Artigas Appellation VdT (Alella) Climate Mediterranean Varieties Pansa Blanca Soil Granite sand Elevation 100-350 meters Vine Age 30-78 years Pruning Espaldera & En Vaso Farming Organic Production 802 cases

## Oriol Artigas



**Oriol Artigas**, an Alella native and trained enologist, started his project of making noninterventionist wines in 2011. He currently farms a total of 7.5 hectares of mostly old head-pruned vineyards and produces a wide array of wines. From a "village" white wine based off the *Pansa Blanca* grape, to single parcel *blancos*, *rosats & tintos*; the color of the wine depends on the parcel, as Oriol will co-ferment white and red grapes if they grow together. The results are some of the most exciting *Vins Catalans* being produced today.

The vineyards of **DO Alella** are essentially the vineyards of Barcelona, located just north of the city along the coast of the Mediterranean. The region dates back to Roman times, with two main vineyard areas, one on the coast around the *comarca* of Maresme, and the other a bit inland around Vallés. The primary soil type is a kind of white granite, locally called *Sauló*, and the main grape grown here is **Pansa Blanca** (the local clone of Xarello) with a whole slew of other grape varieties inter-planted as well. The region produces a wide variety of wines from sparkling to sweet and once enjoyed an illustrious reputation, but the demand for real estate has slowly whittled the vineyard plantings down to just over 220 hectares in total, making Alella one of the smallest DOs in Spain.

**La Rumbera** is comprised of 100% Pansa Blanca from 3 south, west and northwestfacing parcels. The grapes were hand-harvested, destemmed, crushed and pressed to ferment with wild yeasts in steel tank with 20% skins included. The wine was then raised on the lees for 10 months before being bottled without fining, filtration or added SO2. This is a white wine that combines power and delicacy with a distinct marine character, making it ideal to pair with a wide variety of seafood, especially grilled head-on prawns.