

Grower Oriol Artigas

Appellation VdT (Alella)

Climate Mediterranean

Varieties 95% Garnacha
5% Pansa Blanca

Soil Granite

Elevation 80 meters

Vine Age 70 years

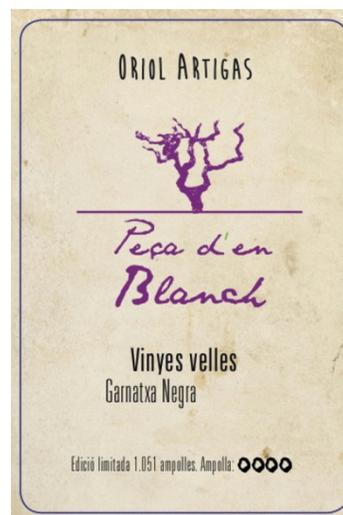
Pruning En Vaso

Farming Organic

Production 300 bottles

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Peça d'en Blanch Negre



Oriol Artigas, an Alella native and trained enologist, started his project of making non-interventionist 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 Xarel-lo) 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.

Peça d'en Blanch Negre is an old vine red blend of Garnacha and Pansa Blanca from a single vineyard with east exposition, located 1 km from the Mediterranean Sea. The wine is fermented with wild yeasts in stainless steel vat with 11 days of skin maceration. The wine is raised in used French oak barriques for 10 months before being bottled without fining or filtration. It is profoundly earthy and deep *Vi Negre* with rich dark fruits and notes of dusty granite, subtle spice, and long savory flavors. A meditative wine to pair with roast lamb with rosemary.