



ORIOI ARTIGAS

EL RALL

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Alella, Catalunya.

VARIETIES

50% Merlot, 20% Garnatxa Negra, 20% Syrah, 10% Mataró and Sumoll.

VINEYARD

From for parcels around Alella, all planted between 1992 and 2005 at 160-305m elevation.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were harvested by hand, destemmed, and macerated on the skins for 3 days, then pressed. Aged in 80% stainless steel and 20% used French oak barrels for 11 months on the lees before bottling without fining, filtering, or sulfur addition.



PRODUCER PROFILE

Oriol Artigas, an Alella native and trained enologist, started his project of making non-interventionist wines in 2011. His over-arching philosophy is to “cultivate the vineyards in the most natural and least interventionist way possible, to allow the grapes to express in the most intense way the landscape from which they come.” He works about 12 hectares in total, mostly of old vines. He allows vegetation to grow between the vines, prunes very little, and works the vineyards primarily along the lunar calendar. In the winery, fermentations are completely spontaneous, aging is primarily done in steel vats, and sulfur is never used at any point in his process. The vineyards of Alella are essentially the vineyards of Barcelona, located just north of the city along the coast of the Mediterranean. 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.