

## Salanques 2020 – DOQ Priorat

Balance, intensity and purity. The true character of Priorat.

Grape Varieties: 70% Grenache, 20% Carignan, 10% Syrah.

Vineyard: Bush vines of 25 to 30 year-old-vines.

Soils: Steep slate "llicorella" hillsides.

Climate: Mediterranean days and continental nights. High thermal contrast

day/night.

Elaboration: Grapes are hand-harvested. Rigorous second and third hand-selection at the winery sorting table. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation of gentle destemmed grapes in stainless steel tanks and French oak vat.

Aging: 12 to 14 months combination in new, second and third year French oak barrels.

Bottling: 9,750 bottles in April 2022.

Alcohol content: 14.5% vol. pH: 3.23 Total acidity: 6.5 g / L

## Vintage 2020

Early vintage. As a result of high temperatures, the plants started their vegetative growth between 2 and 3 weeks earlier than usual. This advance of the cycle, together with the intense spring rains and the high temperatures, generated the "perfect storm" for the development of Mildew fungus. A dry summer sped up the ripening process, so the harvest started a week earlier than usual. Healthy grapes were high quality with lower yields.

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