

FAMÍLIA NIN-ORTIZ

Planetes de Nin Blanc



ORIGIN

Spain

APPELLATION

Priorat (from 2018)

SOIL

Schist

AGE OF VINES

10

ELEVATION

350 meters

VARIETIES

Carinyena Blanca

FARMING

Certified organic (CCPAE) and biodynamic (La Renaissance des Appellations)

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, 2 day maceration on the skins, gentle pressing, natural yeast fermentation in neutral 300L French oak barrels

AGING

7 months in neutral 300L French oak barrels

After obtaining a degree in Biology at the University of Barcelona then a subsequent degree in Enology – with an emphasis on biodynamic and organic viticulture – at the Public University of Tarragona, Ester Nin took a position at Mas Martinet in Porrera in 2001. Raised in the Alt Penedès, she felt right at home in the Priorat, eventually becoming the viticulturist for Daphne Glorian at Clos i Terrasses where she supervised the transition of the vineyards to biodynamic farming. Falling in love with the rugged slopes, rocky soils and ancient vines of the region, in 2004 Ester bought a 1.5 ha. parcel of old vine Garnatxa Negre, Peluda and Carinyena in Mas d'En Caçador– the famed vineyard on the border between Porrera and Gratallops. At 650 meters above sea level, this site is one of the highest in the Priorat and its north-facing slopes are pure blue and black schist soil.

About the same time, Carles Ortiz, a native of Barcelona and a trained Enologist in his own right had purchased nearly 5 hectares of vineyard land in the nearby site of Finca les Planetes. In 2008 Ester and Carles married and merged their properties. With two viticulturists devoted to the principles of biodynamics, the farming at Familia Nin-Ortiz only employs organic materials in their vineyards, sprayed biodynamic infusions, and applications of their own compost. They are members of Nicolas Joly's organization, "La Renaissance des Appellations," and share their knowledge with neighbors interested in pursuing the transition to biodynamic farming.

When Carles first replanted Planetes in 1988 he chose the lower slopes for Cabernet. Unhappy with the results, he grafted these vines to a massale selection of Carinyena from vines in Mas d'En Caçador. In the following years six of the newly grafted vines mutated into Carinyena Blanca. Recognizing the potential for the variety in the warm, dry climate of the Priorat Carles continued to graft this selection along with some additional massale selections of Carignan Blanc from the south of France.

ACCOLADES

93 – 2016 Planetes de Nin Blanc – Wine Advocate

92 – 2015 Planetes de Nin Blanc – Wine Advocate

93 – 2014 Planetes de Nin Blanc – Wine Advocate

