



# CELLER JOAN D'ANGUERA

## Altaroses

Ask Josep and Joan d'Anguera who they see as benchmark estates, they are as likely to site Roagna or Gramenon as any compatriot. Turning this insight inward, they've asked themselves not, how can we copy these wines? But instead, how can I make my land and my vines speak as expressly? The first step towards the reinvention of Celler Joan d'Anguera was the transition to biodynamic farming with certification by Demeter in 2008. Returning to the land in such an intimate manner taught them to appreciate their oldest vines – their indigenous inheritance. As each site responded to the practices of biodynamics, they discovered that what was once thought of as rustic was merely abused, misunderstood or disregarded. Having reduced yields by close to 50%, they began to discover that each site had its own character – something that is now captured in each cuvée that they make.

Having sorted their vineyards, Josep and Joan turned to their cellar practices. With healthier fruit, lower yields and better balance in ripening they were able to transition to whole cluster fermentation by indigenous yeasts. Concrete is now the preferred fermentation vessel and the fruit is crushed by foot. Macerations are long but very gentle with the goal to coax out the character of each parcel rather than extract it forcefully. Aging is now done in neutral, well-seasoned French oak barrels, demi-muids and foudres so as to not impart any flavor of wood in their wines.

Altaroses is Joan d'Anguera's "village" Garnatxa made from younger vines of Garnatxa (10-35 years old) sourced from 9 hectares of vineyards surrounding their cellars in Darmós. As with all the wines made at the cellar it is fermented with whole clusters and indigenous yeasts, aged in neutral barrels and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered with only a tiny amount of SO<sub>2</sub>.

### ORIGIN

*Spain*

### APPELLATION

*Montsant*

### SOIL

*Sandy clay limestone*

### AGE OF VINES

*10-35*

### ELEVATION

*170 meters*

### VARIETIES

*Garnatxa*

### FARMING

*Certified biodynamic (DEMETER)*

### FERMENTATION

*Hand harvested, whole cluster, natural yeast fermentation in concrete vats, crushed by foot*

### AGING

*12 months in neutral French oak barrels*

### ACCOLADES

92 – 2020 Altaroses – Decanter

91 – 2017 Altaroses – Vinous Media

(88-90) – 2017 Altaroses – Wine Advocate

