

VIN DE PAYS CATALAN: GRENACHE DENIS FERRER & BRUNO RIBIÈRE

Style

White, Dry, Medium-bodied

Region

Languedoc Roussillon

Wine Maker

Denis Ferrer & Bruno Ribière

Appellation

Vin de Pays Catalan, on the river Canterrane, around the village of Terrats, just south-west of Perpignan.

Cepage

100% Grenache

Tasting Note

A rich, slightly oxidative, straw coloured wine with a complex palate of dried fruits, nuts and sherry-like undertones prior to a gently warming, long, resonant end note.

Serve with

A fantastic food wine, especially with local Mediterranean dishes roasted peppers, anchovies, olives, charcuterie or smoked fish.

Cellarage

Drinking well now but will age well in the medium term, 2-5 years from vintage.

Vinification

Low yields of hand harvested, organically grown (but yet to be certified) grapes from 77 year-old vines, are fully de-stemmed before being vinified in used oak barrels and vats. The wine is cleared by careful decanting and is bottled during a waning moon when the Tramontane wind arrives in April.

History

Denis and Bruno typify a new wave of young Southern French winemakers with low capital investment but exacting production values dedicated to making characterful wines with a true expression of terroir from local grape varieties. In 1993 Denis (an experienced fruit grower) and Bruno (a wine loving civil servant) joined forces to establish Domaine Ferrer Ribière - they have since gained an international reputation for their highly individual handcrafted wines.

