

Partida Creus, Catalunya UL (2020)

Producer	Partida Creus
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Category	Wine - Still - Red
Region	Catalonia, Spain
Appellation	Catalunya
Vintage	2020

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — SLV20-0746-20



Distributor's notes

Organically grown 100% Ull de Llebre (Tempranillo) on calcareous clay soils. Hand harvested, destemmed, 3-day maceration, alcoholic fermentation with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks followed by aging for 8 months in stainless steel tanks and older barrels, plus 5 months in bottle before release. Bottled unfiltered, and zero SO2. Annual production is 5,000 Liters. Previous vintages of UL were super classic - in that "old school" Spain/Rioja type of way. Structured, elegant, solid and straightforward. This 2020 vintage tastes more integrated, like the barrels have relaxed and the wine is a little fresher than before.

About the producer

The name Partida Creus is a reference to the crosses used for separating holdings back in the day. Massimo Marchiori and Antonella Gerona are an Italian couple from Piedmont. Both of them architects who initially moved to Barcelona for that reason. Around the year 2000, they moved out to the country in search of a "slower" lifestyle. They settled in the Massís de Bonastre (Baix Penedés) characterized by its clay and limestone soils. There they started farming all kinds of local foodstuffs but had trouble finding wines made in the same style so they started making their own, recovering old vines of local grape varieties.

In most cases, these vineyards were close to abandoned. Whenever they find a new vineyard, they'll go to the nearby town, find out who the owner is and approach them to buy or at least farm the vineyard, organically. People think they're crazy for doing this as they are very old, low yielding vineyards and in most cases, obsolete grape varieties. Some have been disqualified from D.O. for lack of color, as was the case with Sumoll, others were never even accepted. Now they're known as the crazy Italians making incredible natural wines with the grapes that all of the locals had written off in exchange for the more "international" varieties.
