

Vinyes Tortuga, Catalunya Sugar Magnolia (2021)

Producer	Vinyes Tortuga
Distributor	Zev Rovine Selections
Supplier/Importer	Selections de la Viña
Category	Wine - Still - Red
Grape varieties	Cabernet Franc, Tannat
Region	Catalonia, Spain
Appellation	Catalunya
Vintage	2021

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — SDLV-0110-21



Distributor's notes

A blend of organically grown 100% Cabernet Sauvignon (new this year) from 9.5ha of their estate vineyards in the Alt Empordà on slate and schist soils up to 150m in elevation. Everything is hand harvested, whole bunch maceration for 1 week in stainless tank with spontaneous fermentation of native yeasts, followed by aging in old neutral barrels for several months after harvest. Bottled unfined, unfiltered, and with zero SO2. Annual production is around 1,000-1,5000 bottles. Label art is done @studiovondst by Thirza Kok.

About the producer

We are Dido & Jurriaan. We share a passion: wine. We traveled from vineyard to vineyard to make wine all over the world. We finally set our foot down in the region of Alt-Empordà in Spain, where we found 9,5 hectares of planted vineyards in the natural reserve of Albera. The coming years we will farm these vineyards at least organically, implementing biodynamic principles as well. From these grapes we make natural wine without added sulphites.

After working a year in the same region, we encountered an 11-hectare plot for sale with planted vineyards of Garnacha, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Tannat and Barbera. Through crowdfunding we were able to buy all of it. The year 2018 was our first vintage ever making wine from our own grapes. The following years we will focus on restoring the vineyards, converting them to biodynamics and grafting to other (white) varieties. We live in midst of our vines, installed solar panels and use water from the well so we are completely independent. A veggie garden is in the making as we speak, according to permacultural methods.

We worked for big industrial companies as well as for small boutique wineries. Our internship at Joan Ramon Escoda changed our approach and introduced us to the world of natural wine: wine made without any additions and without filtration or fining. Just transforming grapes in their purest form into wine: to not add anything or take anything away. This sounds logical, but we experienced first hand what can be added into wine - ranging from different types of yeasts to arabic gum - more than 88 additives are allowed in (also in AOC) wine. To be able not to work with these products, the grapes need to be of very good (at least organic) quality. This leads to a intensified focus in the vineyard, working as natural as possible, obtaining the most delicious grapes.
