

# MAS D'EN CAÇADOR

## Vi de Paratge

Old vine exposed to the north, so it receives many fewer hours of sunlight at the end of the year. Located in the Mas d'en Caçador site and planted on high-altitude slopes. Mas d'en Caçador is classified as a "vi de paratge" by the DOQ Priorat—wines that capture the purest essence of the region, marked by a character deeply tied to the area's topography, geology, and a more defined microclimate. Grenache gives us an elegant and round wine with good aging capacity.

Only 625 bottles were produced from the 2023 vintage.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2023 vintage in Porrera, like in other areas of Priorat, was marked by extreme weather conditions, including prolonged drought and high temperatures. These adverse conditions led to a significant reduction in grape production in the region. Despite these challenges, winegrowers in Porrera implemented various strategies to mitigate the effects of drought and extreme heat. These measures included specific vineyard management techniques and adjustments in harvesting schedules to preserve grape quality. At Celler Vall Llach, we experienced a loss of between 30% and 40% of our harvest due to these difficult conditions. In summary, while the 2023 vintage in Porrera was impacted by harsh climatic conditions that affected production, the efforts and adaptations of local winegrowers helped maintain the quality of their wines.

### TASTING NOTES

Vall Llach Mas d'en Caçador 2023, by Tim Atkin:

Wild, aromatic and spicy Garnacha; aged for 12 months in large foudres. Red fruited and ripe, with no hint of oxidative characters here, just lovely wild flowers and pepper spice.

Vall Llach Mas d'en Caçador 2023, by Robert Parker:

My favorite of the wines I tasted this time is the paler, aromatic and floral 2023 Mas d'en Caçador, hedonist and peachy, with a smooth texture, ripe flavors and very elegant and fine, ripe tannins that make it approachable and attractive. This was vinified separately from 2021 because it had traditionally been part of the village wine. It's not a shy wine, hitting the scale at 15.5% alcohol, but it comes through as balanced and medium to full-bodied, with some spiciness and a clean, long and dry finish.

<b>Variety</b> 100% Grenache	<b>Alcohol</b> 15,5%
<b>Vintage</b> 2023	<b>Total Acidity</b> 4,5 g/L
<b>Bottled</b> February 2025	
<b>Harvest Date</b> September 13, 2024	
<b>Type of harvest</b> Hand-picked harvest	<b>Winemaker</b> Albert Costa Miralbell
<b>Region</b> Priorat	<b>Municipality</b> Porrera
<b>Plot</b> Mas d'en Caçador - Dolors Vidal	<b>Topography</b> Slope of 40%
<b>Year of planting</b> 1920-1950	<b>Soils</b> Licorella
<b>Growing method</b> Manually and plow with mule. Free of machinery	



### VINIFICATION

Cold prefermentative maceration of whole grapes in stainless steel tanks for twenty-four hours.

Fermentation at a controlled temperature between 20°C and 25°C over ten to fifteen days, with daily pigeage and gentle pump-overs.

### AGING

The wine undergoes ten months of aging in 500-liter Austrian oak barrels. A racking is carried out during the aging process.

To be served at room temperature to a maximum of 15 to 17 °C.

