



# Garnacha FROM Aragón

AND OTHER SECRETS





# Aragon, Spain

## The birthplace of Garnacha (Grenache)

With its winemaking activity dating back to 2000 BC, Aragon is home to one of the best-known grape varieties: Garnacha (also known as Grenache following exportation of the vine to France two centuries ago). Thus, it should come as no surprise that some of the best Garnacha wines in the world are produced here, given the ideal climate and soil conditions that saw this variety of grape arise in Aragon. Over 50% of our vines still produce Garnacha grapes; many of these vines are over one hundred years old, such as the one in the photograph.



## A touch of international flavour

As a region sharing a border with France, Aragon's wineries have benefited from international exposure. They were among the first to introduce international grape varieties into Spanish vineyards: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and so on and some of these wineries have gone on to become the specialists in these varieties in Spain. Moreover, our centuries-old traditions have been combined with international and modern tastes and procedures to produce wines that have recently started to receive some very significant international acclaim from experts and enthusiasts alike.







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## A land in the heart of the wine-producing regions of Europe

Aragon is located in one of the most interesting areas for making wine, right in the centre of the major wine-producing regions of Europe. Its landscape is hugely varied, being surrounded by a backdrop of soaring mountains - the Pyrenees, along the border with France, and the Iberian Range - and crossed by the fertile valley of the River Ebro. Aragon lies right below the northern limit of the Mediterranean climate zone: cold winters, hot summers, strong winds, and dry all year round. Last but not least, the region's limestone soil is ideal for vines, and is one of the major Spanish quality wine-producing regions.



# Pago Aylés



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**Founded:** 1998  
**Single estate winery**  
**Production:** 215.000 bottles  
**Export:** 170.000 bottles

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# Pago Aylés

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## The one and only Vino de Pago in Aragon

The real history of Ayles begins in the Middle Ages, when the village of Ayles was wrested back from the Muslims by King Alfonso I "The battler". Over the course of several centuries, the village passed through the hands of various landowners: monks, the aristocracy, etc.

The Winery was founded in the late 90s by Federico Ramón. Now, over 20 years later, his 3 children continue to bring their father's dream to life; in fact, the 3 of them – Inmaculada, Ana and Federico – have been fully involved with the project from the very beginning.

The clay and calcareous soils, with their notable water retention capacity, are very important to this estate with its semi-arid climate. The glaci soils, some 35 million years old, dating from the tertiary period, allow us to have wines which are lengthy and more complex. The unique microclimate here is defined as continental extreme: the significant differences in temperature between winter and summer as well as between day and night during harvest times is why our harvest takes place at night.

The valley is closed off to the warm winds flowing out of the Mediterranean, while being open to the cold wind whistling down from the north, known as the "Cierzo". This wind is an essential part of our microclimate and it has a cooling effect on the vineyard giving us balanced and long-lived vines, while also protecting them from many diseases.

As the vineyard is classified as a "Vino de Pago", the winery is committed to a quality-based objective of 34 hectoliters per hectare. Additionally, in recent years, we have been working the vineyard organically, i.e. no herbicides or pesticides are used.

Our philosophy is one of total respect for the land, vines and grapes, operating in the most sustainable and natural way possible. We work with indigenous yeasts, respecting the essence of our terroir and trying to convey the identity of each vineyard in every bottle: at its core, this is non-interventionist winemaking.

RED GRAPES	Area (Ha)	%
Garnacha Tinta	15	31.91%
Tempranillo	17	36.17%
Cabernet Sauvignon	7	14.89%
Merlot	8	17.02%
TOTAL REDS	47	100%







# Carriñena



**Founded:** 1932  
**Wineries:** 35  
**Production:** 45 million bottles  
**Export:** 30.6 million bottles

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## The oldest and largest DO in Aragon

DO Cariñena is the oldest Designation of Origin in Aragon and one of the oldest in Spain. It leads the Aragonese DO rankings in terms of acreage and production. Now is an excellent time for Cariñena: a renewed, attractive image in "Cariñena, de nuevo" (Cariñena, anew) and modern, carefully nurtured wines, in a wide range of grapes and styles. The recent celebration of its 75th anniversary, with various ceremonies culminating in September 2008 with the presence of the King and Queen of Spain at the traditional Grape Harvest Festival, was an enormous boost to its national and international image. More than half of the region's wine production is exported to around fifty countries on four continents.

The 55 wineries included in DO Cariñena are committed to the idea of constant modernisation and a strategy of wine tourism. The excellence of its wines has been acknowledged at prestigious national and international wine competitions, such as the "Berliner Wein Trophy", "Sélections Mondiales des Vins Canada", the "Wine and Spirit Competition", the "Concours Mondial de Bruxelles" and the "Premios Zarcillo". Its wines have also been reviewed and highly rated in specialist publications such as "Wine Advocate", published by the renowned wine critic Robert Parker, and "Decanter".

RED GRAPES	Area (Ha)	%
Red Garnacha	4,679	32.73%
Tempranillo	3,267	22.86%
Cabernet Sauvignon	1,824.55	12.76%
Syrah	1,198.7	8.38%
Cariñena, Mazuela	723.35	5.06%
Merlot	671.06	4.69%
Vidadillo	30.9	0.22%
Juan Ibáñez	29.65	0.21%
Monastrell	0.42	0.01%
TOTAL REDS	12,425.17	86.92%

WHITE GRAPES	Area (Ha)	%
Macabeo, Viura	1,479.15	10.35%
Chardonnay	218.81	1.53%
White Garnacha	132.11	0.92%
Muscat of Alexandria	31.48	0.22%
Parellada	9.47	0.07%
TOTAL WHITES	1,871	13.09%





# Campo de Borja



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# Campo de Borja

**Founded:** 1980

**Wineries:** 17

**Production:** 16.6 million bottles

**Export:** 11.2 million bottles

## Modernity fused with tradition

The self-proclaimed “Empire of Garnacha” extends through the foothills of the impressive Moncayo massif. The soil and favourable climate helped the Campo de Borja area to build a reputation over 1,000 years ago, both for itself and for the wines that it still produces today. Most of the wines produced in this DO are red, with the native Garnacha grape assuming a prominent role. Over 70% of the annual production is exported.

The unique Veruela Monastery has always been the heart of this wine-producing region, promoting the art of grape growing among medieval farmers and demonstrating to today's tourists the culture of the vine and the winemaking process.

The wine-growing heritage of DO Campo de Borja is very rich in Garnacha grapes, with the DO's oldest vineyards dating back to 1890, and over 2,000 of the 3,500 hectares devoted to Garnacha being between 30 and 50 years old.

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RED GRAPES	Area (Ha)	%
Garnacha	3,424.59	53.4%
Syrah	842.65	13.1%
Tempranillo	791.57	12.3%
Cabernet Sauvignon	586.17	9.1%
Merlot	394.24	6.1%
Garnacha tintorera	20.83	0.3%
Mazuela	20.51	0.3%
TOTAL REDS	6080.56	94.6%

WHITE GRAPES	Area (Ha)	%
Chardonnay	142.67	2.2%
Macabeo	132.32	2.1%
Moscatel	39.72	0.6%
Verdejo	11.73	0.2%
White Garnacha	5.44	0.1%
Sauvignon Blanc	3.72	0.1%
TOTAL WHITES	335.6	5.3%





# Calatayud





**Founded:** 1989  
**Wineries:** 15  
**Production:** 8 million bottles  
**Export:** 6.8 million bottles

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## The quest for quality

Calatayud wines are the result of the interaction of a microclimate, a wide range of soils and a type of grape, such as Garnacha, that is perfectly suited to the region, producing wines with a marked personality.

The predominant variety of grape is Red Garnacha, which occupies over half of the DO's total surface area, with most of the vines over 35 years of age, and in some cases over 50.

Most of the vineyards lie in the highlands: this is the highest wine-growing area in Aragon (between 550 and 1,040 metres a.s.l.) on the high slopes that favour aeration of the vines. These lands are not particularly suited to machines, consequently most of the vines are tended by hand.

The DO has a typically continental Mediterranean climate, with cold winters and hot summers. These conditions favour the slow ripening of the grapes, which achieve perfect phenolic maturity. Yields per vine-stock are low, albeit with very little incidence of pests or cryptogamic diseases during.

RED GRAPES	Area (Ha)	%
Garnacha	2,079	65.90%
Tempranillo	553	17.55%
Syrah	219	6.95%
Cabernet Sauvignon	37	1.19%
Merlot	33	1.03%
Mazuela	7	0.24%
Miscellaneous	37	1.18%
<b>TOTAL REDS</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>94.04%</b>

WHITE GRAPES	Area (Ha)	%
Macabeo	164	5.19%
Chardonnay	13	0.42%
White Garnacha	8	0.30%
Malvasia	2	0.03%
<b>TOTAL WHITES</b>	<b>187,60</b>	<b>5.96%</b>



# Somontano

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**SOMONTANO**



**Founded:** 1984  
**Wineries:** 31  
**Production:** 14.7 million bottles  
**Export:** 3.7 million bottles

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## A success story

Somontano means “at the foot of the mountain”. In this case, the mountains are the Spanish Pyrenees, a region with a complex climate notable for its striking contrasts. There are very few places in the world where it is possible to find such exceptional conditions for growing grapes and making wine.

This modern and dynamic DO has achieved an excellent reputation in its more than 30 years of history in addition of many centuries of winemaking tradition of the region and is considered an exemplary wine producer.

The wine-growing area under the Somontano DO comprises 43 municipalities. The region covers an area of 205,000 hectares, 95,000 of which are currently being cultivated, with the viticulturalists and wineries having planted 3,897 hectares of vineyards.

Somontano wines display some unique characteristics: good alcohol content, noticeable fruitiness and the right level of acidity. For these very reasons, they adapt well to the tastes of today's consumer.

RED GRAPES	Area (Ha)	%
Cabernet Sauvignon	927	23,78%
Merlot	765	19,63%
Tempranillo	387	9,93%
Syrah	284	7,28%
Red Garnacha	260	6,67%
Moristel	60	1,55%
Parraleta	23	0,60%
Pinot Noir	20	0,50%
TOTAL REDS	2726	69,94%

WHITE GRAPES	Area (Ha)	%
Chardonnay	703	18,05%
Gewürztraminer	244	6,27%
Macabeo	79	2,03%
Sauvignon Blanc	64	1,64%
White Garnacha	41	1,06%
Riesling	33	0,85%
Alcañón	6	0,16%
TOTAL WHITES	1170	30,06%



# Vinos de la tierra



ASOCIACIÓN DE  
**VINOS DE  
LA TIERRA**  
DE ARAGÓN



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**Founded:** 2006  
**Wineries:** 44  
**Production:** 135,000 hl

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DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN

# Vinos de la tierra

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## Wine as a way of life

The Vinos de la Tierra is an appellation used to denote those wines that are included in IGP areas recognized by the UE. These regions keep a wine-making tradition and apply strict standards of quality specified by EU regulations. There are currently a total of 21 wineries producing Country Wine, with vineyards covering some 1,406 hectares. This translates into 4% of the total surface area occupied by vineyards throughout Aragon (or 33,880 hectares), with total wine production for the six wine-growing regions amounting to 24,504 hl.

Aragon has six Country Wine-producing areas (Bajo Aragón, Ribera del Jiloca, Ribera del Gállego-Cinco Villas, Valle del Cinca, Valdejalón and Ribera del Queiles), distributed throughout the entire region. They are closely tied to towns where winemaking has traditionally been a way of life.

The wineries belonging to Country Winemakers' group produce all types of wine, but they share a common passion for winemaking and strive to achieve the best possible quality and reputation.



# Cava

CONSEJO  
CAVA  
REGULADOR



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**Founded:** 1993  
**Wineries:** 4 in Aragon  
**Production in Aragon:**  
1 million bottles

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DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN

# Cava

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## Sparkling boutique wines, true to the “méthode”

The “Cava” label ensures that these sparkling wines have been produced in the traditional “méthode champenoise”, and that the second fermentation of the main wine takes place inside the bottle, leaving it to stand in underground cellars for at least nine months.

The Cava Wine Regulatory Council certifies sparkling wines made in seven different Spanish regions, although the largest Cava producers lie in the province of Barcelona. In Aragon it oversees the work of two wine-growing regions and four wineries, with a total production of 1 million bottles.

Furthermore, the conditions specific to Aragonese vineyards, such as a colder climate, together with the expertise acquired over the years, produce sparkling wines with unique characteristics that are reflected in their special personality.

GRAPES	%
Macabeo	37.3
Xarel·lo	25.2
Parellada	23.1
Chardonnay	6.8
Subirat Parent	0.1
Pinot Noir	2.6
Trepat	2.6
Garnacha	2.1
Monastrell	0.1
TOTAL	100%



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