

# Buil & Giné 2017 Montsant '17-XI'

WineWise Code	SBG-MON17
Country	Spain
Region	Priorato/Montsant
Color/Style	Red
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Varieties	40% Garnacha, 40% Cariñena, 20% Tempranillo
ABV	14.5
Closure	Natural Cork
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	Discountable
Maceration	temperature controlled, long maceration
Fermentation Vessel	Oak
Aging Method	Cask 100%
Aging Duration (months)	7-11 months
Filtered	Yes
Malolactic	Yes
Soil Type	Granite
Vine Age	16711
Yields (hl/ha)	2000
Picking	Hand-harvested
Annual Production	5000 cases

## Notes from the producer:

Buil and Giné is based in Grattalops, the core of the DOQ Priorat, where they produce all their wines, and where they own 200 acres of beautiful licorella soils terraced vineyard. Their oldest vineyards were planted in 1908. Their vineyards are 45% Red Garnacha, 30% Cariñena, 10% White varieties (White Garnacha, Macabeu, Viognier, and PX), and 15% other red varieties, like Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Syrah. Buil and Giné started the organic certification process for their vineyards in 2014 and will have all properties certified by 2021. They wanted to utilize the winery and vineyards as a way to share their way of life, a life centered around wine, so the wine must show the character of the local grapes, the minerality of the soil, and must be enjoyable and affordable. More than 15 years ago, they were able to purchase a vineyard in Toro (Pago del Oro), and in Rueda, each producing 1 single vineyard wine for each of those DO's.

Joan Giné Giné found Buil and Giné who made wine and raised his son and grandson in these dramatic vineyards. They started making their first wines in 1996: Giné Giné. Joan Giné believed in "Traditional Viticulture", growing vines organically. Following the path he set-out, they do all the work 100% organically. He pioneered and founded the wine cooperative, with the goal of preserving the terroir and the culture of the region.

## WineWise Notes:

It could be said that Montsant is to Priorat what Crozes is to Hermitage, except that it lacks nothing in the way of spectacular landscape. The main distinguishing feature actually is the soil, which is not licorella. Endowed with the kind of richness derived from old vines (maximum age 45 years) this beauty sings of stone fruits and a distinctive minerality.

The Buil and Giné family returned to their winemaking roots in the rapidly evolving Priorat region in 1996 and since then have expanded into neighboring Montsant, as well as Rueda and Toro. The defining thread linking their wines seems to be pure fruit expression, richness without heaviness and excellent price-quality ratio. Xavier Buil, the proprietor, shows an uncanny sensibility and instinct for proportion and is now a seasoned veteran of his craft. The winery has become a showcase for the region, with a swank hotel and tasting room.

