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Partida Creus, Catalonia Massis de Bonastre Blanco Natural (2019)

Producer	Partida Creus
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Category	Wine - Still - White
Region	Catalonia, Spain
Appellation	Catalunya
Vintage	2019

Sizes

750 mL × 12 — 17-0168-19

Distributor's notes

A blend of mostly Macabeo (80%), Xarello (10%) and Garnacha Blanca (10%), all organically grown in the Baix Penedès. Hand harvested, each varietal separately, goes through spontaneous fermentation with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks and 300 L neutral casks. The wine is then blended and goes through 8 months in 300 L neutral barrels, plus 1 month in a Stainless Steel tank. Bottled unfined, unfiltered, and low to no SO2.

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 varietals.

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 varietals. 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" varietals.