

# R&G Rolland Galarreta

## CLOS D'EN FERRAN PRIORAT

### 2018

Two cultures, two different winemaking styles but a common goal brought together the renowned French winemaker Michel Rolland and Spanish wine visionary Javier Galarreta. They both believe in Spain's excellent and diverse terroir and together have extensive know-how to make great quality wines with real projection in the international markets. As one of the most influential winemakers in the world, Michel Rolland has worked with winegrowers across 13 countries and has influenced many aspects of both the French and the global wine sectors. Since establishing ARAEX Grands in 1993, Javier Galarreta has applied his vast wine knowledge

and that of sales strategy to place Spanish wines amongst the greatest. The R&G project, began in 2010 in Rioja Alavesa, Ribera del Duero and Rueda, spread to Priorat, Montes de Toledo and Jerez in 2014, and contributes to make wines from Spain's Finest Terroirs. Today this "terroir driven brand" crafts wines in the top Spanish wine growing regions. The R&G Project holds exclusive terroirs in the following areas with a selection of unique plots from the best selected parcels. A total of almost 80 hectares from the best regions of Spain.

### THE HARVEST

This vintage has had early maturation and a significant reduction in the average production yield. The climate of this vintage has stood out for a winter break and the beginning of the vegetative cycle with an abundant above average rainfall. In Porrera, the fresh and windy beginning of September has been of vital importance to reach the beginning of October in perfect ripening and health conditions, without having to fear the possible dehydration of the berries or an excessive concentration of sugars. In general, the red wines of the Priorat are characterised by being very clean on the nose thanks to the good health of the grapes and with a correct extraction of polyphenols due to the rapid – but good – phenolic maturation.

### VINIFICATION

Grapes come from the Clos d'en Ferran plot, located near the village of Porrera, with a soil rich in Devonian iron slate, the oldest rock in the DOQ Priorat (400 Million years). It contains a lot of quartz and oxides that gives it a reddish/ yellowish appearance. Mixture of varieties planted: CARINYENA (3,5 ha) & GARNACHA (1,5 ha); and mixed vines of GARNACHA BLANCA. The selection of grapes starts in the vineyard and later at the selection table. The stalks are then removed from the grapes without squeezing them. Grapes are maintained in controlled conditions, with long macerations at low temperatures in oak casks with the cap submerged. The must is naturally pumped over using gravity in order to achieve the best extraction of polyphenols. The pressing is carried out using pneumatic presses and a vertical press, and the malolactic fermentation then takes place in French oak casks. This wine has been bottled without filtration.

### THE AGEING

Grapes from the Clos d'en Ferran plot. The wine is aged for a total of 15 months in new French oak.



### TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Intense, very dark ruby colour.

**Nose:** Alluring aromas of cinnamon, spices, lavender, and black cherry lead to a smooth-textured, nicely balanced wine.

**Palate:** It is rich, concentrated and fleshy and shows elegance and complexity. On the palate, it shows silky tannins, with a succulent structure and excellent depth. Subtle, elegant wine with a fresh and fruity character.

**Food pairing:** Red meats, stews, game, cured cheeses, blue fish, fish casseroles and chocolate.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Varietals	62% Carinyena, 38% Garnacha.
Vineyards	6 hectares planted in 2007, cool climate, north orientation, elevation between 500 and 650m.
Fermentation Temperature	25-29°C
Fermentation & Maceration Period	20 Days.
Barrel Composition	French Oak.
Barrel Age	New.
Time in Barrel	15 Months.
Time in Bottle	Minimum 12 Months.
Alcohol content (vol)	14,5% vol
Acidity total (gr/l)	4,33g/L
pH	3.22
SO2 free (mg/l)	28mg/L
Residual sugar (gr/l)	>2g/L
Suggested serving temperature	15-17°C
Winemaker	Michel Rolland.

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