



Clos D'Agon

Calonge is a small picturesque town on the Catalan Costa Brava, very close to the French border. A little further inland is the **Clos d'Agon** vineyard, just over a few meters above sea level, on a plateau that is made for the cultivation of vines. Its Mediterranean climate and the exceptionally low rainfall, as well as the cooling breezes, complement each other perfectly and prevent extreme temperatures that could adversely affect winegrowing.



The story of the Clos d'Agon winery begins in **1987**, when a French couple decides to buy the old country house Mas Gil, where 12 hectares of vineyard planted with hybrid varieties, narrow planting frames and glass conduction already exist. The owners seek advice from professors **Pierre Galet** and **André Crespy** of University of Montpellier, and decided to pull up the old vineyard and plant prestigious French varieties for the production of quality wines.





Want to know more about how serious the undertaking is? After the stage of pulling old vines and planting new, six Swiss wine lovers and friends, including **Franz J. Wermuth** (Les Grands Vins Wermuth), **Frank Ebinger** (Casa del Vino Ebinger) and **Silvio Denz** (Château Faugères, Château Rocheyron, Château Lafaurie-Peyraguey, Montepeloso) acquire this renowned viticultural environment in **1988** and hired, as wine consultant, **Peter Sisseck**, and oenologist who produces in Ribera Del Duero great wines such as Pingus.



During the growing season and grape ripening, one is also less confronted with rainfall. The grapes are normally ready for harvesting; the beginning of the harvest is usually finished at the end of August (white wine) and at the end of September (red wine). The vines grow on lime and chalk soils and are mostly oriented towards the south and towards the sun. Per hectare, only 4500 vines are planted, mostly consisting of **Syrah**, **Cabernet Franc**, **Merlot**, **Cabernet Sauvignon** and **Petit Verdot**, used for the Clos d'Agon Tinto, as well as 3 hectares of **Viognier**, **Marsanne** and **Roussanne** vines, from which the rare Clos d'Agon Blanco emerges.

At this stage a new project towards an increased production of quality wines is undertaken, with the construction of a new winery designed by architect Jesús Manzanares and an increased plantation area by retrieving old terraces in the higher parts of the property.

Currently, the technical director Miguel Coronado, advised by oenologist Peter Sisseck, continues working to make the most of the particular terroir of Clos d' Agon, and to thereby further develop great wines that are characterized by a marked style and quality.



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