

**Tocat de l'Ala Negre 2017**

*Barrel-aged red wine, DO Empordà*



**Wine description:**

Red wine from DO Empordà made from a selection of grapes from old vines in various villages of Alt Empordà. Made traditionally, with a brief period in oak barrel in order to soften the wine and to integrate the various wines originating from different vineyard sites. Grapes harvested at full ripeness for a finely textured palate. A wine characterized by its fruitiness and freshness. A wine easy to appreciate!

**Tasting Note**

**Color:** Medium Ruby, violet rimmed.

**Nose:** Aromas of blueberries and raspberries, with hints of thyme.

**Palate:** Potent, fresh attack of forest berries and minerality. Red fruits, herbal notes, bitter cocoa, flint stone, iodine, and fennel. Soft, refreshing tannins.

**Food pairing:**

**The perfect match:** Cuttlefish on the grill with white beans.

**Solid choices:** White and red meats, game, spicy dishes, cheeses, rice, and salads.

**Surprising hits:** Goose with baked pears, cannelloni, pork ribs, beef stew, Catalan spinach.

**Music match**

*Pa amb Oli* by Blaumut

**Technical data**

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**Blend**

55% Carignan – 30-80 year-old vines

35% Grenache – 30-80 year-old vines

10% Syrah – 15-30 year-old-vines

**Soils** Flintstones and slate

**Climate** Mediterranean, hot summers cooler through sea winds. Annual rainfall 600 mm.

**Ageing:** 4 months in French and American oak barrels.

**Alcohol** 14,50% **Sugars** 0,60 g/l **Acidity** 5.0 g/l **pH** 3.55

**Production** 60.000 bottles

**Serving temperature at** 16° C

**Packaging** Burgundy bottle of 75cl served in cardboard cases of 6 or 12 bottles.

Magnum bottles of 150 cl. Served in cardboard cases of 3 bottles or in individual wooden cases.

**Label**

Illustration by Oriol Malet. To be “Tocat de l’Ala” (literally “touched by the wing”) is to be a bit nuts. This expression is used frequently in the Empordà, where the strong Tramuntana winds aid in making the local population a bit “touched”. The label depicts a character on a unicycle, carrying an opened umbrella while juggling at the same time.