

2013 Herencia Altes La Serra Blanc

The white 2013 La Serra Blanc is pure Garnacha Blanca is a subtle single-vineyard white that fermented in barrel and shows very good balance and integration of the oak. The nose is a mix of subtle balsamic, Mediterranean and élevage aromas and flavors. The fact that it was raised in foudre rather than in barrique might have something to do with it. It also has the freshness and acidity often linked to 2013, with fennel and aniseed notes. The palate is sleek and ends very tasty. 2,000 bottles produced.

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2013 Herencia Altes La Serra Negre

A little marked by the élevage with lactic aromas intermixed with notes of fruits of the forest, the 2013 La Serra Negre is a blend of old-vine Cariñena and Garnacha from a single vineyard that names the wine: This is a red matured in new French oak foudre (that I hope they'll reuse in following vintages and mark the wine less) which might explain the initial oaky note. The palate is sinewy, fine-grained and has good acidity that lends elegance and balance to the wine. A pleasant surprise and a new wine to follow, as it should get better as the foudres age and impart less aromas and flavors to the wine. 2,000 bottles.

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