



# Terra Alta

## Celler Vinos Piñol



**Proprietor:** Since its inception, in 1945 by Josep Arrufi, making small quantities of well crafted wines with passion, love and respect for the land and the vines is what Celler Vinos Piñol is all about. This tradition continues to this day with Josefina Piñol and her son, winemaker Juanjo Galcera Piñol, the 4th generation, at the helm. Celler Vinos Piñol owns 100 acres of carefully tended vines, in and around the medieval town of Batea, in the Terra Alta district of the Tarragona province.

**Winemaker / Vineyard Manager:** Juanjo Galcera Piñol

**Location:** A few miles south and west of Priorat, within the Terra Alta DO (Zone 5) in Catalunya's Tarragona province in northeastern Spain. The winemaking tradition, in this remote region, dates back to the 13th century. The winery and vineyards are in Batea, which lies at 1,168 ft in altitude.

**Wines Made:** Portal (white), Ludovicus (red), Portal (red), Sacra Natura, L'Avi Arrufi, Mather Teresina, Josefina Piñol white and Josefina Piñol red.

**Climate:** The average temperature between April and October is 67.3° F. A high Mediterranean climate with hot days and warm/moderate night temperatures for this region. Terra Alta is drier and warmer than Montsant and Priorat, therefore producing deep purple-red wines with greater richness, weight and ripeness than wines from other areas within zone 5. Relatively low yearly rainfall (16.3 in.) lower than the aforementioned DO's. The warmer temperatures and lower rainfall produce consistently riper grapes, creating wines richer in lactic acid with dark pigmentations. *Note: though Terra Alta and Priorat are a few miles apart--Terra Alta's warmer microclimate produces fuller bodied, richer wines than in Priorat.*

**Soil:** The vineyards of Celler Vinos Piñol are composed of clay-limestone.

**What makes Vinos Piñol unique?** 1) Small production wines from low yielding older vines using ecologically friendly methods and manual harvesting in the estate's organically grown vineyards. 2) Producing terroir driven, deeply colored, well structured, well balanced wines. 3) Family owned estate vineyards. 4) Consistent quality year after year. 5) Talented young winemaker Juanjo Galcera Piñol's blending philosophy.



There are 22,793 acres of vineyard land in Terra Alta.



Winemaker Juanjo Galcera Piñol

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### BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

NAME OF VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
MORENILLO PARCEL	2	85	SLATE, CLAY AND LIMSTONE	1,168 ft	3%
GARNACHA PARCEL	15	15 TO 95	SLATE, CLAY AND LIMSTONE	1,168 ft	3%
CARIÑENA / CAB. S.	9/12	60 / 12	SLATE, CLAY AND LIMSTONE	1,168 ft	3%
MERLOT / TEMPRANILLO	15 / 12	12 / 12	SLATE, CLAY AND LIMSTONE	1,168 ft	3%
SYRAH / PETIT VERDOT	10 / 5	14 / 8	SLATE, CLAY AND LIMSTONE	1,168 ft	3%
W. GARNACHA / MACABEU	10 / 2	50 / 25	SLATE, CLAY AND LIMSTONE	1,168 ft	3%
MOSCATEL / SAUBIGNON B.	5 / 2	14 / 8	SLATE, CLAY AND LIMSTONE	1,168 ft	3%