Cariñena In the News

“92% of trade respondents predicted that Garnacha from Spain has the greatest potential for growth in the U.S. market.”
(Wine Opinions, 2015)

“Cariñena is a place for discovery.” *(Wine & Spirits)*

“At its best, Cariñena delivers a clear expression of Garnacha, with all its fruity flavors and freshness intact–a wine to pour liberally with tapas or as an aperitif.” *(Patricio Tapia, Wine & Spirits)*

“With its signature Garnacha-based reds and other high-quality reds and whites, Cariñena is poised to become the next big thing from Iberia due both the affordability and crowd-pleasing approachability of its wines.” *(Wine.com)*

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“The biggest advantage for the Cariñena region is the quality-to-value ratio.” *(The SOMM Journal)*

THE SOMM JOURNAL

“Fruit-forward Garnacha at a value price-point, these are wines for every day.” *(The SOMM Journal)*

“When one person wants Pinot Noir and one wants Cabernet Sauvignon, I always recommend Garnacha to them. It’s my go-to.” *(Joelle Cousins, Sommelier)*

"Garnacha is the 'Height of Fashion'"
(Jancis Robinson)

San Valero

Particular Garnacha - Top 10 Wine *(About.com)*

“Featured as one of Wine & Spirits 100 Great Buys for $15 or less” *(Wine & Spirits)*

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the next GREAT GRAPE... GARNACHA FROM CARIÑENA.

I’VE FOUND SOMETHING:

Cariñena

D.O.P. Cariñena is located in the heart of the Ebro Valley in Spain’s northeast region of Aragón. The climate is extreme, characterized by high altitude vineyards that descend into dramatic windswept plains with significant temperature swings. Garnacha thrives in the region’s complex, stone soils, and has long been the star of the region: Cariñena has more old-vine Garnacha planted than any other region in Spain. With outstanding quality-to-value and flavorful, fruit-forward wines, Cariñena has doubled in distribution in the U.S. in the past year and has been cited as a region to watch by *Wine.com, Wine & Spirits* and *The Today Show.*

BODEGAS SAN VALERO (VILLAGE OF CARIÑENA)

A leading winery since 1944, Bodegas San Valero (Grupo BSV) has the longest history in Cariñena and has benefitted from access to some of the most prominent vineyards in the region for over 70 years. Constant innovation balanced with a respect for tradition and winemaking excellence are the three pillars of Bodegas San Valero. San Valero manages 700 grape growers cultivating over 8,600 acres of vineyards. 100% of the vineyards surround the winery near the village of Cariñena (with many qualifying for a single vineyard designation). The region’s day-to-night temperature variations, high winds, and notable elevation all support consistent ripening and require minimal treatments. **HEAD WINEMAKER:** JAVIER DOMEQUE SANZ

Origium

Joven
(100% Garnacha)

Fruit-forward, unoaked.

Age of Vines:
15-30 years

$7.99-$10.99

Just released. New packaging design.

Additional Styles:
Roble
(Garnacha, Syrah)

Savvy Shoppers.
By-the-glass.

Origium

White
(Macabeo, Chardonnay)

Fresh and aromatic.

Age of Vines:
15-30 years

$7.99-$10.99

Perfect summer white wine blend.

Retail display.

Monte Ducay

Viura-Chardonnay
(Viura-Chardonnay)

Fresh and aromatic.

Age of Vines:
15-30 years

$7.99-$10.99

Monte Ducay is a benchmark for quality from Grupo BSV.

Additional Styles:
Tinto
(Tempranillo, Garnacha, Cabernet Sauvignon)

Retail display.

Particular

Garnacha Joven
(100% Garnacha)

Fruit-forward. Fresh varietal expression.

Age of Vines:
15-30 years

$8.99-$10.99

Gold Medal:
Grenaches du Monde
(International Grenache Competition)

Savvy Shoppers.
By-the-glass.

Particular

Chardonnay
(100% Chardonnay)

Full-bodied.
Well-balanced.

Age of Vines:
15-30 years

$9.99-$10.99

Label pays tribute to growers' ancestral traditions.

Additional Styles:
Chardonnay
Moscatel de Alejandría
(Chardonnay, Muscat of Alexandria)

Savvy Shoppers.
By-the-glass.

Castillo Ducay

Tinto
(85% Garnacha, 15% Cabernet/ Tempranillo)

Young fruit-forward wine.

Age of Vines:
15-20 years

$7.99-$9.99

Castillo Ducay is a market leader in Spain. Named for a high-altitude vineyard.

Savvy Shoppers.
By-the-glass.

Marqués de Tosos

Crianza
(Garnacha, Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon)

High-expression blend. Well-structured.

Age of Vines:
50+ years

$10.99

High-quality wine with competitive pricing.

Additional Styles:
Reserva
(Garnacha, Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon)

By-the-glass red blend.

Particular

Cariñena
(100% Cariñena)

Full-bodied, well-balanced.

Age of Vines:
30 years

$10-$15

Perfect choice for "Cariñena from Cariñena" by the glass.

Smart retail buy.

Particular

Old Vine Garnacha
(100% Garnacha)

Full-bodied, well-balanced.

Age of Vines:
30 years

$10-$15

Perfect choice for "Old Vine Garnacha" by the glass.

Smart retail buy.

Particular

Viñas Centenarias
(100% Old Vine Garnacha)

High-expression Garnacha.

Age of Vines:
80-100 years

$20-$25

Sourced at high altitude; 100-year old Garnacha vines.

High expression.
Cellar selection.

Best Buy | Premium | Ultra-Premium

BODEGAS SAN VALERO KEY FACTS

- Founded in 1944, San Valero is the oldest winery in Cariñena.
- 700 grape growers cultivate 8,600 acres.
- 100% of the vineyards surround the winery in Cariñena village.
- San Valero focuses on indigenous varieties (70% of plantings).
- 25% of plantings are dedicated to Garnacha – including "old vines" up to 100 years.
- Key growing conditions: significant day-to-night temperature variations and altitude.
- Old vines planted in stone soils are extremely low-yield with rich flavors and minerality.
- Innovation is a pillar of the winery, as evidenced from state-of-the-art cultivation and winemaking techniques to modern style and packaging.

CLIMATE AND TERROIR

The climate in Cariñena is characterized by extremes, with a landscape that rises from the Sistema Ibérico Mountains in the south, through the central plains and up to the Pyrenees in the north. Altitude ranges from 1,300 feet to 2,800 feet, resulting in favorable variations between night and day temperatures that contribute to aromatics and structure. Plantings of 30 to 40-year-old Garnacha, the region's best-known variety, are relatively common and some of the oldest vines date back over a century, reaching deep into the rock to extract minerality and water reserves. The health of the vine is naturally regulated by the famous Cierzo winds. This dry and often cool wind blows in from the north and helps keep the grape canopy disease-free.