

# Torres

Torres Purgatori is an exquisite red wine produced by Familia Torres, renowned for its rich history and exceptional quality. Crafted in the DO Costers del Segre region of Catalonia, Spain, Purgatori stands out for its deep, complex flavors and sustainable winemaking practices.





Alcohol :14,50 % Composition: 40% Grenache, 30% Cariñena, 30% Syrah

## Purgatori 2020

, Spain

## Region and Vineyards

The Purgatori estate is located in the rugged and arid region of Les Garrigues, within **DO Costers del Segre**. The estate spans 200 hectares, with 50 hectares dedicated to producing the Purgatori wine.

The vineyards are situated at varying altitudes, reaching up to **550 meters**. This altitude, combined with the extreme continental climate characterized by significant temperature fluctuations and minimal rainfall, creates ideal conditions for growing high-quality grapes. The soil is very deep, well-drained, and has a moderately fine texture with high levels of calcium and low organic matter content, contributing to the wine's aromatic intensity and complexity .

## Winemaking

Torres Purgatori is composed of a **blend of Carignan, Garnacha, and Syrah grapes**. The winemaking process includes 8-12 days of skin contact and fermentation in both cement and stainless steel tanks, followed by 100% malolactic fermentation in barrels.

The wine is aged for **9-12 months in French oak barrels**, 30% of which are new, enhancing its complexity and depth. The wine's technical specifications include an alcohol level of 14.5%, a pH of 3.81, total acidity of 5.36 g/L, and a residual sugar content of 0.4 g/L.

## Tasting Notes

- Color: Deep, intense garnet.
- Aroma: Rich and expressive, featuring notes of blueberry, morello cherry jam, and spicy black pepper, along with undertones of dried fruits such as figs, dates, and prunes, complemented by toasty oak nuances.
- **Palate**: Light and velvety with a delicate structure. The flavors are persistent and pleasant, showcasing bold cherry and blackberry notes, balanced by hints of mocha, caramel, and clove. A bright splash of acidity enhances the wine's overall harmony







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#### Did You Know?

The history of the Purgatori estate dates back to **1770** when monks from the Abbey of Montserrat settled in the harsh lands of L'Aranyó as penance. They worked to cultivate the land and discovered its potential for producing exceptional wine. The name "Purgatori" reflects the arduous conditions the monks endured, and the wine is a tribute to their legacy .

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- Grilled Ribeye Steak: The robust tannins and rich fruit flavors of Purgatori complement the savory, juicy qualities of a grilled ribeye steak.
- Lamb Chops with Rosemary: The wine's herbal notes and bright acidity balance the rich, gamey flavors of lamb chops seasoned with rosemary.
- Aged Manchego Cheese: The complexity and depth of Purgatori enhance the sharp, nutty characteristics of aged Manchego cheese .



#### Robert Parker (RP): 92 Points (2020)

The red 2020 Purgatori was produced with a blend of 75% Garnacha and 25% Cariñena (no more Syrah) from vines planted in 2000 at a high altitude (for Costers del Segre) on sandy and limestone soils in a very dry and healthy zone. It fermented in concrete and stainless steel with indigenous yeasts and matured in 2,000-liter foudres (introduced in 2018) and in new and used barriques for a total of 15 months. The wine has 14.5% alcohol and nice balance and juiciness. It is ripe and a bit heady, reflecting a much warmer year, with a fruit-driven nose and notes of plums. There was less humidity there, so there were less problems with fungus. The wine has concentration and abundant tannins. They want to do only one wine from this estate in Costers del Segre.



#### James Suckling (JS): 94 Points (2018)

A big, powerful red for this part of Spain, but it also has a lot of spicy depth with subtle meaty and wild-herb notes. And behind the richness the tannins are silky, the balance spot-on, in spite of 14.5% alcohol. Very long, fresh and elegant finish that pulls you back for more.



#### Decanter (DCT): 95 Points (2016)

Elegant and complex nose of dark bramble and blueberry fruit. Rounded in the mouth with well-integrated wood. Tannins are in the background, as the lively acidity loads up the palate with sparkle and zing. Great stuff.



