



Torres

Torres Grans Muralles is a majestic red wine from the DO Conca de Barberà, crafted with rare indigenous varieties like Garró and Querol, alongside traditional grapes, offering a profound connection to its historic vineyard.



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Grans Muralles 2019 , Spain

Region and Vineyards

The **Grans Muralles vineyard** lies at the foot of the historic **Cistercian Wall**, which once protected the Poblet Monastery during the Mercenary Wars. This vineyard, located in the **DO Conca de Barberà** in Catalonia, Spain, is renowned for its unique combination of deep, stony soils and ancient viticultural history.

The soils consist of **Paleozoic slate** and granite gravel beds, which are rocky, well-drained, and low in water retention. These characteristics, combined with the vineyard's mineral richness, foster the production of wines with exceptional typicity, concentration, and quality. The Torres family has replanted these vineyards with a mix of traditional varieties such as **Cariñena** and **Monastrell**, as well as nearly extinct indigenous grapes like **Garró** and **Querol**, using modern techniques to revive these historical varietals.

Winemaking

This vintage was relatively dry, with normal spring temperatures and a warmer-than-usual summer. Rainfall was scarce, ensuring small, concentrated berries, and the dry conditions persisted throughout the growing season. Mild temperatures in September and October allowed for a gradual ripening of all grape varieties. However, a torrential rainstorm in late October brought 156 mm of rain in a single day, marking a dramatic end to the season.

The blend consists of **Cariñena**, **Garnacha**, **Querol**, **Monastrell**, and **Garró**, each contributing to the wine's complexity and depth. Fermentation was carried out in **stainless steel tanks** under controlled temperatures, followed by a **12-18 day maceration** to extract color and structure. The wine was aged for **18 months** in **French oak barriques and foudres**, with 50% new barrels and 25% foudres made from fine-grained Tronçais oak. This careful aging process enhanced the wine's texture and complexity while preserving its fruit character.

Alcohol: 14,50 %

Composition: 42% Cariñena, 40% Grenache



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with purple hues, indicating concentration and youth.
- **Aromas:** A rich bouquet of **blackberries**, **ripe cherries**, and **Mediterranean herbs**, with hints of **licorice**, **graphite**, and a subtle smokiness.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and velvety, with layers of **dark fruit**, **spice**, and a mineral core. The fine tannins and fresh acidity create a long, elegant finish, showcasing balance and power.

Did you know?

The name **Grans Muralles**, meaning "Great Walls," refers to the **Cistercian Wall** that borders the vineyard, highlighting the historical and cultural significance of this site. The Torres family's efforts to revive rare grape varieties like **Garró** and **Querol** contribute to preserving Catalonia's rich viticultural heritage.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised lamb shank with rosemary and thyme:** Complements the wine's earthy and herbal undertones.
- **Venison stew with wild mushrooms:** Enhances the wine's depth and robust structure.
- **Grilled eggplant with smoked paprika:** Matches the wine's smoky and mineral notes.
- **Aged Manchego cheese:** Balances the wine's fruit concentration and fine tannins.

Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2019)



The red blend 2019 Grans Muralles was produced with 42% Cariñena, 40% Garnacha, 10% Querol, 5% Monastrell and 3% Garró, as they introduced the recovered ancestral varieties Querol and Garró in the previous vintage. It fermented in stainless steel and matured in new 300-liter French barriques and new 1,500-liter oak foudres for six months, then it was moved to second-use 500-liter barrel and 1,500-liter foudres, where the wine matured for a further 10 months, but the Cariñena and Monastrell had less time in wood. It has 14.1% alcohol and a low pH of 3.3, denoting good freshness. It's serious, austere and a little shy, with floral nuances. It has a medium-bodied palate with fine tannins and medium concentration. 6,636 bottles and some larger formats were produced. It was bottled in August 2021.

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2018)



Juicy and refined with lots of finesse here. Complex aromas of berries, chili chocolate, plums, flowers and mineral, with some cigar box and truffle. Medium to full body, but ethereal and elegant with streamlined concentration. Sleek, silky, precise and very long. Already delicious now, but will hold.



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Wine Spectator (WS) : 93 Points (2018)

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Wine Spectator

An elegant, medium- to full-bodied red, with pure flavors of baked black plum and raspberry underscored by rich notes of toast, smoke, espresso and herbes de Provence. Shows supple, well-knit and integrated tannins with a creamy edge, while the finish is long, fresh and spiced. Garnacha, Monastrell, Querol, Garro and Carinena. Drink now through 2033. 542 cases made, 100 cases imported.



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