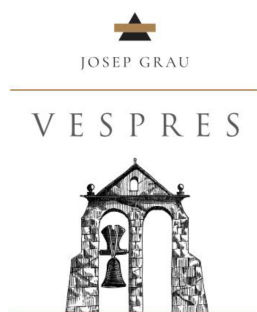


# Josep Grau Viticultor

## VESPRES MONTSANT - 2020

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PRIORAT – MONTSANT

REGION: SPAIN - CATALUÑA



### JOSEP GRAU VITICULTOR

Josep Grau returned to the land where he was born in 2003 to embark on a new journey. His wines are not influenced by trends, opinion leaders' tastes or fads. Instead, they strive to be authentic and deeply imbued with the essence: Grau is convinced that outstanding wines can be made with very little, avoiding artifice and respecting the natural language of the vineyard.

### THE WINE

#### Vineyard Profile

Small plots in the southern area of Montsant between Capçanes, Marçà and El Pla de Falset, D.O. Montsant.

- Altitude: 790 – 1210 feet
- Vine Age: 50 – 70 years
- Soils: Primarily Clay-Calcareous, some stony
- All vineyard work done by hand
- No chemical products used

#### Harvest Notes

- After a dry 2019, 2020 began with historic storm
- Early growing season promising
- Abundant rain in April – May
- Very careful selection of berries at manual harvest led to small crop
- Fermented in cement tanks for 2 months using only indigenous yeasts
- Aged in 2000 liter Austrian oak foudres for 14 months
- Aged in bottle for a few months

#### Winemaker's Notes

This field blend is a tribute to the growers of Cartoixa de Scala Dei, who planted these varieties over 1000 years ago. At Vespers, around 7:00 in the evening, farmers were given a jug of wine to take them through the following day. Fresh and friendly character, fruity and dynamic. Generous aromas of red fruit. Slight touches of berries and balsamic. Very Mediterranean character. Its silky texture, fresh acidity and elegant austerity offer a very cozy and seductive result.

#### Technical Information

- 60% Garnacha Tinta, 20% Cariñena, 10% Syrah, 10% other varieties
- Alcohol: 13.5%
- Total Acidity: 5.3 g/l
- pH: 3.46
- Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/l
- Total SO<sub>2</sub>: 76 mg/l

## REVIEWS

### Vespres Montsant – 2020

#### 91 Points - © Wine Advocate, September, 2022

One of the reds that he has been producing for a while is the 2020 Vespres, a blend of Garnacha and Cariñena with a little Syrah that fermented in concrete and matured in 2,000-liter oval foudres and concrete to keep the oak almost imperceptible. It has moderate ripeness and concentration for a low-yielding year like 2020 (when he lost some 65% of the crop to mildew). It's juicy and fruit-driven, with a fine texture and fine tannins, supple flavors and a clean finish. 2022 – 2026

Josep Grau works in Montsant and Priorat, where he has new wineries from 2020, which allowed him to make some new wines. He has 14.5 hectares of vines in Capçanes, 18 hectares in Marça in Montsant and 10.5 hectares in Gratallops in Priorat and produces a total of 116,000 bottles.

#### 92 Points - [jamessuckling.com](https://www.jamessuckling.com), September, 2022

Bright and racy strawberries, red cherries, plums and licorice. Some white pepper and wild herbs, too. A juicy red with precise, well-mannered tannins, framed in a medium body. Very enjoyable, with excellent drinkability. Pull the cork now.

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## GENERAL INFO

COUNTRY	Spain
REGION	Cataluña
APPELLATION	D.O. Montsant
PROPRIETORS	Josep Grau
FOUNDED	2003
WINEMAKER	Josep Grau
ANNUAL PRODUCTION	8,333 9L cases
FARMING (SUSTAINABLE, ORGANIC, BIODYNAMIC)	Organic, herbicide and pesticide free