



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## TERRA SANCTUS



## CLOS LA RAE 2014

**TERRA SANCTUS** || Terra Sanctus - sacred earth - refers to the rich religious history steeped in the culture of the area and the dramatic hillside vineyards from which we find the old vines of Garnatxa and Carinyena for Clos la Rae. The average vine age is 50 years, with some up to 80 years on untterraced margins. Soil is the classic llicorella slates with very low water retention, forcing the roots deep - as much as 30 meters - in search of water and nutrients.

**PRIORAT** || Viticulture has an ancient history in the Priorat, and winemaking dates to the 12th century, when monks founded the Carthusian Monastery of Scala Dei in 1194. The prior of Scala Dei ruled as a feudal lord over seven villages in the area, which gave rise to the name Priorat. The basis for the soils (called llicorella in Catalán) are reddish and black slate with small particles of mica, which reflects the sunlight and conserves heat.

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**BLEND** | 39% Merlot, 30% Garnatxa, 18% Cabernet, 11% Syrah & 2% Carinyena

**VINEYARDS** | Old vines of Carinyena and Garnatxa on the high elevation, untterraced hillsides outside of Porrera facing north and east. The younger vine Syrah, Cabernet and Merlot is planted in the lowlands.

**WINEMAKING** | Primary and malolactic fermentations in temperature controlled vats followed by 6 months in French Allier and American oak barrels (225l & 500l).

**ALCOHOL** | 14.15%

**PRESS** | 91 VIN

“Inky ruby color. Highly perfumed, mineral- and spice-accented blackberry and cherry aromas, along with a subtle vanilla quality. Silky and expansive on the palate, offering sweet dark berry, cola and candied cherry flavors that are complemented by hints of cracked pepper and allspice. Finishes sweet, velvety and quite long, with subtle tannins building slowly. In the context of excellent Priorat wines this bottling delivers exceptional value.”

