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Spain 2020 – a miscellany *The final*

part of Ferran's report on wines of particular interest tasted when he was confined to his Barcelona home by the pandemic. See also Spain 2020 – exciting newcomers and Spain 2020 – established players' news. Above, Sota els Àngels in Empordà in the far north-east of Spain.

The 12 wines below are listed in alphabetical order by producer, but you can reorder them as you wish.

Sota Els Àngels

Presència 2017 Empordà

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100% Garnacha Blanca. Very gently pressed to obtain only the first fraction of the must. It is stored in French oak barrels where the fermentation finishes. Aged for one year in the same barrels on its fine lees, with soft bâtonnage. Very gentle filtration.

This is a wine that highlights the positive attributes of evolution. Beautifully golden colour. It shows cooked apples and pear, honey, dry nuts, dry flowers, brioche, smoke and chalkiness. On the palate, it is so Mediterranean! Warm, immense and deep. I can taste and feel the creamy texture of the lees and the complexity of the oak over a mineral aftertaste of wet earth. It's an idiosyncratic wine that for sure has its own public. Truly gastronomic. (FC) 13%

Drink 2020 – 2025