

# LES COUSINS MARC & ADRIÀ

## “Donzell”

D.O.C PRIORAT

### Winery Notes:

Marc & Adria Perez are two cousins of the same age who grew up on farms and wineries. They both worked and traveled abroad in very diverse areas, but perhaps more than any other country, France with Bordeaux and the Rhone has marked them. Hence, the name of the winery and the wines: "Les Cousins" (in Catalan, it's written almost the same way).

"Les Cousins Marc & Adria" was born in the village of Porrera (Priorat). The area were they first started their experience in wine, where they grew up together and where they live today. They always wanted to begin something new from scratch, focusing on the old vines from the village of Porrera and using different types of vinification.

### Wine Making Notes:

We work with a rosé base wine (15.5%). The grapes are crushed and stored in a wooden foudre for 6 months, flavored with wild fresh herbs we ourselves collect in the forest close to the property. Flowers, stems or leaves of rosemary, thyme, lavender, fennel, almond tree... and, of course, wormwood (“donzell” in Catalan), which is what traditionally gives vermouth its characteristic bitter taste. We also use spices like cardamom and citrus zest. We do not add any sweet concentrate, like grape must or carob concentrate, so that aromas are not masked, instead we use organic white sugar, which is neutral and provides the sweetness that we want for this “atypical vermouth” or, strictly speaking, aromatized wine.

Les Cousins “Donzell” is not vermouth as we understand it because no alcohol is added but it is one of the traditional types of vinification that we have learnt for this type of drink. Its image reminds us of vermouth because this is the time of the day we connect this aromatized wine with: aperitif time, with some ice and a slice of orange.



VINTAGE	2020
WINE TYPE	Aromatic Wine
VARIETAL	N/A
ALC.	15,5%
REGION	N/A
SOIL	Licorella
PRODUCTION	3000 Bottles



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