

LES  
AUBAGUETES  
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GRATALLOPS



THE SINGULAR TRIBUTE  
OF AN ANCIENT NORTH-FACING COSTER

THE ELDERS OF BELLMUNT, ONE OF OUR MOST CHERISHED VILLAGES  
IN PRIORAT, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AWARE OF LES AUBAGUETES'  
WONDERFUL WINE HERITAGE. A SHADED SPOT WITH AGE-OLD VINES  
PLANTED ON THE STEEP SLOPES OR COSTERS, AS THEY ARE LOCALLY  
KNOWN. AN ENTHRALLING GIFT OF MATURITY BLESSED  
WITH PRODIGIOUS HARMONY.





## AN EXCEPTIONAL OLD WORLD VINEYARD

We are lucky to open a new chapter in our joyous Priorat experience. Our quest to find the true affinity between history, nature and vineyard leads us to extol the virtues of a spot with a primeval force: Les Aubaguetes.

We have been granted the privilege of working here to acknowledge and shape the pulse of a world-class vineyard.

On the outskirts of Bellmunt del Priorat, Les Aubaguetes was planted in the first days of the 20th century on a shady and steep slope. Majestically surrounded by holm oaks, pine trees and topped lavender, it bears the understated bravery seen in the rarest and most emblematic old coster vines in the area. It resembles a ship's stone and metal hull. A large mass hanging over the ravine. Its blueish skin facing north.

The orientation and the narrow ravine foster cool weather conditions.

In contrast, the low altitude, ranging between 230 and 280 metres, accentuates a warm Mediterranean character. The sea breeze penetrates through the valley bringing a welcome breath of refreshing humidity in the scorching summer afternoons. And the blue and green hues of the slate soils bestow a cool distinction.



## CONTRASTS CONVERGE IN A BEAUTIFUL AND CAPTIVATING RICHNESS

It could be said that in this hectare and a half of hanging vines, the force of the Mediterranean sea has teamed up with the cool northern air. A pact between equals who decide to work together to endow the vineyard with its unique character. Physics and air in total harmony.

And the wine! Opulent tannins, refined and full of energy. Fleshy pulp which is the source of the water in Mediterranean stone fruits. Unparalleled joy of carnality and spirit. Richness, health, elegance and consistence.

Superb, beautiful maturity.

