



# Clua Domènech Xavier Clua & Rosa Domènech

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LOCATION

Catalunya, España.  
*(D.O. Terra Alta)*  
20 hectares. 480 meters.



ESTATE

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WINEMAKER

Xavier Clua & Rosa Domènech.  
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ENOLOGIST

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ENVIRO-COMMITMENT

Hand-harvested.  
No irrigation.  
Locally-sourced yeast (Garnacha).



ESTATE PRODUCTION

6,800 cases.



PARTNERSHIP

Xavier & Rosa have been part of the  
Small Vineyards family since 2008.

Xavier Clua and Rosa Domènech grew up together in the wine country of Tarragona, and now enjoy life on their Spanish hacienda, raising their daughter, Maria. They compliment each other near perfectly, but have always playfully competed in one area: winemaking. Both are certified enologists, and masters at their craft. When they got married, they brought the best of the two families' vineyards together, and now make wine as husband and wife under a single name: Clua-Domènech. Both are 3rd generation winemakers, having learned their craft from their grandfathers. Both grew up in the same village, just down the road from each other; and both have a singular knowledge of the grapes, wines, meso-climate, soils, vintages, history, and tipicity of Terra Alta that perhaps no other home in the region can boast. However, both approach the art of enology with a refreshing humility: "I don't like to interfere with Nature," says Xavi (pronounced "Chavi" in Catalan). "I just grow ripe fruit, and get out of the way." An understatement, perhaps, but we get the point. Rosa inherited some very old vines (70+ years), and with Xavi, shares a respect and love for old vines that comes from years of experience: "You cannot duplicate the intensity and clarity of old vines -- it cannot be faked," Rosa declares. From his grandfather, Xavi inherited one of the most beautiful cantinas we have come across. Having built a fantastic new cellar with all the modern technologies, Xavi now uses his old cellar as a place to age his wines in barricas, and as a tasting room. (Across the road is a restaurant, Moderno, that has some of the best food in Mediterranean Europe. Unbelievable!). As for their wines, we think the quality that Clua-Domenech produces is among the most inspired in Spain. Absolutely no corners are cut, and all wines are rooted in the tradition of Garnacha: "Wines from Terra Alta must have Garnacha," says Xavi. When one tastes their wines, one is actually tasting a bridge between past, present, and future in a way that is, for us, more profound than your typical wine experience. Perhaps that is why we enjoy their work so much.