



Montsant Falset Marçà Winery Info Sheet



Proprietor: Falset Marçà was founded in 1913 by a group of vineyard owners that decided to group themselves in order to have access to larger number of quality vineyards, resulting in meaningful production-quality wines. Today Falset Marçà owns 581 acres (235 Ha) of vineyards.

Winemaker / Vineyard Manager: Jordi Alonso

Location: Located in Zone 5 in the north east of Spain in the high mountains of Tarragona next to the Priorat Region. The vineyards are at 1,240 ft altitude surrounding the small town of Falset, which has a population of 184 people.

Wines Made: Falset, Falset Rose, and Falset.

Climate: *High Mediterranean (Zone 5) hot days and cool-moderate nights.* Montsant has average temperatures from April to October of 62.1° F. with rainfall of 14.3 inches. The Temperatures in Montsant are cooler than Terra Alta, Priorat and Penedés; producing dark, intense wines that are loaded with freshness at the same time. Higher acid content in the grape is one of the most praiseworthy virtues to be found in a Mediterranean climate. Both Priorat and Montsant enjoy this cooler microclimate which sets them apart as unique and truly outstanding in quality.

Soils: Slate stone, Granite, sand, limestone and clay are equally distributed throughout the surface and subsoil of these vineyards. This soil profile is low in organic material, well drained, deep and warm. All these different qualities result in lower yields that maximize fruit concentration, easy-to-achieve ripeness, and long root systems that reach moisture for good water-nourishment.

What makes Falset wines unique? 1) superior quality wines made from old vines at great prices. 2) Having so many acres of vineyards gives them a greater choice for selecting quality grapes. 3) Winemaker Jordi Alonso is part of Vinos Sin-Ley allowing him to learn and experiment the true potential of each grape variety in his region.



There are 4,992 acres of vineyard land in Montsant.

Montsant, means Holy Mountain in English. Montsant over the centuries has been the place of choice for numerous shrines and religious monasteries because of its silent and majestic environment. The monks brought with them the tradition of winemaking to this part of Spain. As a result today Montsant is one of the few Spanish wine districts with the greatest number of old vines planting.



100 year old Garnacha vines located in Falset, Montsant.

BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES (2006)	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
GARNACHA	207	100	GRANITE, SAND, SLATE, CLAY, LIMESTONE	1,240 ft	11%
CARIÑENA	152	100	GRANITE, SAND, SLATE, CLAY, LIMESTONE	1,240 ft	11%
TEMPRANILLO	41	25	GRANITE, SAND, SLATE, CLAY, LIMESTONE	1,240 ft	11%
CABERNET	58	25	GRANITE, SAND, SLATE, CLAY, LIMESTONE	1,240 ft	11%
MERLOT	59	15	GRANITE, SAND, SLATE, CLAY, LIMESTONE	1,240 ft	11%
SYRAH	37	15	GRANITE, SAND, SLATE, CLAY, LIMESTONE	1,240 ft	11%
WHITE GARNACHA / MACABEU	14 / 13	70 / 70	GRANITE, SAND, SLATE, CLAY, LIMESTONE	1,240 ft	11%



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Name of Wine: Falset Rose 2005

Producer: Falset Marçà

DO: Montsant (Zone # 5) Climate: High Mediterranean

Grape: 100% Garnacha (100 year old vines in 2006)

Soils: Slate, Granite, Sand, Slate, Clay and Limestone with 11% slopes

Production: 800 Cases made – 400 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Jordi Alonso

Ageing: Stainless Steel.

Notes:



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Name of Wine: Falset 2005

Producer: Falset Marçà

DO: Montsant (Zone # 5) Climate: High Mediterranean

Grape: 50% Garnacha, 30% Cariñena, 20% Cab.

Soils: Slate, Granite, Sand, Slate, Clay and Limestone with 11% slopes

Production: 4,000 Cases made – 2,300 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Jordi Alonso

Ageing: Stainless Steel.

Notes:

Falset Red 2005 IWC **88 pts**

Light red. Fresh, juicy and vibrant, with nicely focused scents of redcurrant, wild strawberry and rhubarb. Firm and tangy, the red fruit flavors nicely focused and brisk, with a lingering mineral tone that carries through the lively finish. Wonderfully complex and fresh for the price. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006

Name of Wine: Falset old vines 2003

Producer: Falset Marçà

DO: Montsant (Zone # 5) Climate: High Mediterranean

Grape: 85% Garnacha, 15% Cab.

Soils: Slate, Granite, Sand, Slate, Clay and Limestone with 11% slopes

Production: 1,300 Cases made – 450 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Jordi Alonso

Ageing: Stainless Steel.

Notes:

Falset Old Vines 2003 IWC **90 pts**

From vines over 100 years old. Inky ruby. Deep, powerful and exotic on the nose, with intense cola, licorice, cherry liqueur and oak spice aromas; this smells like a serious, big-bucks wine. Suave, silky and lush, the cherry and dark berry flavors showing great intensity and sweetness and given focus and support by fine-grained tannins. Pliant and sweet through the strikingly pure, bright, long finish. A superb bargain. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006