

# CELLERS CAN BLAU BLAU RED BLEND

2020/\$12.99



## DESCRIPTION

Founded in 2003, Cellers Can Blau is located in the town of El Molar, in the northeastern region of Catalunya. The appellation of Montsant is a small region that surrounds the appellation of Priorat, and the two regions share many similarities in terms of climate, soils, and wine style.

Cellers Can Blau has 99 acres of estate vineyards, most of which average 40 years old, planted mainly with Mazuelo (Carignan), Grenache, and Syrah. Each is planted in soils which give personality to each grape: Mazuelo is planted in sandy and clay soils; Garnacha is planted in slate soils (known as llicorella), and Syrah is in limestone soils.

The climate is Mediterranean with some Continental influences, characterized by dry summers and about 25 inches of rainfall per year, mostly in the fall. The vineyards are planted on the sloping hillside of the Sierra de Montsant at an altitude of approximately 2,000 feet. The region is known for red blends, typically based on Mazuelo (Carignan) and Garnacha, lending to complex and intense wines with a strong mineral character marked by the slate soils (llicorella) that make this area so unique.

All of Cellers Can vineyards are dry-farmed, without the use of pesticides or herbicides, and the winery is fully off the electrical grid using solar power. Vines are hand-harvested and then the wine is fermented in stainless steel before being transferred to French oak barrels for aging.

Gil Family Estates owns or controls approximately 1,766 hectares (approximately 4,364 acres) of vineyards throughout their eleven wineries physically scattered across eleven different D.O.s, Designated Viticultural Areas, in Spain. Each winery has its own personality perfectly defined but working in excellent tuning with the rest. Gil Family Estates has unwavering focus on indigenous terrior-driven wines of outstanding value.

The first winery, Bodegas Juan Gil, was founded in 1916, when Juan Gil Giménez, a stone mason and great-grandfather of the present generation, established the winery in the heart of Jumilla. Over 100 years of winery history, spanning four generations of continued family ownership, included a turbulent restructuring of the family business and led to the company's rebirth into a global wine powerhouse. Today, all of the wineries under Gil Family Estates are run by brothers, Miguel and Ángel Gil.

Since 1999, the rapid ascension of the Company has been built upon an absolute commitment to seemingly risky wine investments in outlier appellations. These bets have paid off. The Gil Family Estates portfolio of wines is sold in over 40 countries internationally and distributed in all 50 U.S. states.

### **CELLERS CAN BLAU BLAU RED BLEND 2020**

A powerful, full-bodied blend of 50% Cariñena, 25% Syrah, and 25% Garnacha from Montsant, which neighbors famous Priorat in the north-east of Spain. The fruit from the Garnacha vineyards planted in metamorphic rock soils known as llicorella, along with the Cariñena vines that grow in clay soils, and the Syrah in limestone soils, create a wine with a great complexity. The wine is aged four months in French oak after blending.

### **Tasting Notes**

#### **NOSE:**

Bright purple. Spice-accented black and blue fruit aromas are complemented by violets and woodsmoke.

#### **PALATE:**

Round and seamless on the palate, offering juicy blackberry and cassis flavors that are lifted and firmed by zesty acidity. The finish is framed by gentle, harmonious tannins, with very good breadth and persistence.

#### **PAIRING:**

Perfect served With BBQ, steaks, game, and hearty dishes.

**WINERY WEBSITE:** [Gil Family Estates](#)

### **Fun Facts**

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# Montsant D.O., Spain



