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SISTEMA VINARI

Mallorca, Islas Baleares



Few wines speak so strongly of where they're from as those produced by Eloi Cedó Perelló on the island of Mallorca.

Originally from Montsant, Eloi's project started back in 2010 when he began making a string of one-off wines from the vineyards farmed by friends around his native Catalunya. In 2012 he produced the first vintage of his now iconic cuvée, Chateau Paquita. A tribute to his late mother, this arresting blend of Mallorcan varieties was one of those wines that simply stops you in your tracks — a truly unique expression of man, grape and place.

An island of incredible beauty, Mallorca also offers a unique climate for growing grapes. Though it spends most of the year bathed in sunshine, the vineyards benefit from both the breeze of the Mediterranean and the cool, dry winds of the Mistral. The fascinating local varieties are grown over what the locals call Call Vermell — red, clay soils that are incredibly rich in iron and lend the wines a distinct minerality.

Eloi farms a collection of tiny plots dotted around the island in the villages of Felantix, Porreres, Consell and Santa Margalida. They range from a hectare to just a tenth of that size and the oldest vines were planted in the sixties. He farms organically, employing biodynamic principles and in the bodega displays a real lightness of touch, adding nothing at any stage.

Eloi's wines have an uncanny sense of place. Though their heady flavours of sunkissed fruit, bitter herbs and sweet sea breeze transport you straight to the island, they are delicate, nuanced and incredibly light on their feet.

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A blend of young vines of Callet from Felantix and Manto Negro from Consell, along with a handful of other local varieties, planted over the island's characteristic red clay soils. The grapes were mostly destemmed, with a small quantity of whole bunches in the mix, and macerated from anywhere between a week and a month before being pressed off to vats for six months of rest. The result is a delicate wine with a complex perfume of blackberries, red earth and wildflowers that marries wonderfully with the silky tannins and cascade of bitter herbs that follow. A litre of Mallorcan sunshine, this is simply as joyful and invigorating as wine gets.