

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MASTER SOMMELIER BOB BATH'S TRIP TO CARIÑENA

- As the third most-planted variety in Spain, Garnacha has never lost its significance in the country. The region of Cariñena is renowned for having the **highest density of Garnacha plantings**, with the grape representing nearly a third of the entire vineyard acreage.
- A lack of rainfall after April and the ensuing heat during the summer months means ripening is rarely a challenge; the diurnal swings, meanwhile, **ensure bright acidity and a natural balance** in Cariñena's wines.
- **The range of wine styles is impressive:** from extraordinary valued young Garnacha to dramatic expressions from old-vine Garnacha and fascinating Garnacha-based blends.

*To read the article in its entirety, check out the **July issue of SOMM Journal**.*

