

Quick Guide

Chapter 9.

The grape. A variety, a personality.

IS THERE LIFE BEYOND CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND CHARDONNAY?

Of course! And lots of it! Think that over 500 grape varieties with winemaking potential exist all around the world. And as a sample, and without leaving Spain, we want to reveal to you some very interesting varieties that do not enjoy the fame of their foreign sisters, but have nothing to envy them for:

White:

- **Xarel.lo, Macabeu (Viura) and Parellada.** Undoubtedly the queens of the Penedès, the cava trilogy. They say that Xarel.lo provides acidity; Macabeu degree and Parellada finesse.
- **Verdejo:** Extremely aromatic, it evokes the tropics.
- **Albariño:** Citric Galician elegance.
- **Godello:** From Valdeorras to the world. Bittersweet and highly perfumed.
- **Palomino:** The grape that is the flagship of the sherries of Jerez.
- **Airén:** The white grape of La Mancha.
- **Garnacha Blanca:** Fleshy and with endless possibilities. Versatile.
- **Listán Blanca:** The most aromatic Canary islander.
- **Pedro Ximénez:** Good whether for white wine or sweet red Cordobés and Malagueño.

Red:

- **Tempranilo:** As its name indicates, it ripens early. In it, red fruits embrace a memory of pepper.
- **Garnacha tinta:** Voluminous on the palate. The Mediterranean red.
- **Bobal:** Low in alcohol content with a fresh aroma of Levante.
- **Mencia:** Good colour, good acidity.
- **Negramoll:** Spicy wines from Mallorca.
- **Trepal:** la millor elecció per a un rosat.
- **Carinyena:** The best choice for a rosé.
- **Manto Negro (Callet):** Common in the great wines of the Balearic Islands.
- **Monastrell:** Adapts easily. An aromatic and floral all-terrain wine.

Of course, these are just a few examples as there are many more native varieties that, little by little, we will discover. Cheers!
