

## Carlota Pena Casacuberta, recognized as Best Young Winemaker of the Year 2025

Each year, the prestigious wine critic **Tim Atkin** publishes his report on the wines of Catalonia, in which he evaluates and scores a selection of wines and grants different recognitions to prominent figures in the sector. In this 2025 edition, Atkin has awarded the **Best Young Winemaker of the Year** award to **Carlota Pena Casacuberta**, oenologist of the Vinyes d'Olivardots winery, located in the Empordà.

**Fintan Kerr**, a collaborator of Atkin, highlights in his article: *“Carlota is a special talent and one of the most involved oenologists I have met in my travels around Catalonia. She has a natural talent, without a doubt, but she also possesses that rare quality of innate curiosity and desire to learn more...”*



This distinction is a recognition of the career and dedication of Carlota Pena, who has been able to combine winemaking tradition with an innovative vision committed to the territory. Vinyes d'Olivardots and the best rated wines of 2025.

On the other hand, **Tim Atkin** has highlighted three wines from **Vinyes d'Olivardots** among the best in Catalonia, with the following scores:

- **Ethèric Carinyena Negre (2021) – 95 POINTS**

*“A wine fermented in barrel with whole grapes, with a unique style. It presents notes of fresh berries, undergrowth, violets and warm earth, with a spicy and herbaceous touch”.*

- **Vd'O 1 (2019) – 95 POINTS**

*“Made with Carinyena from slate soils, it offers intense and elegant aromas with ripe black fruit, orange peel, crushed stones and fresh herbs. A wine with polished tannins...”*

- **Vd'O 6 (2022) – 96 POINTS**

*“Considered “the jewel of the Empordà”, this wine comes from a century-old Carinyena Blanca vineyard”.*

According to Atkin, it is a shining example of the potential of this variety and a safe bet for the future. These scores reaffirm the exceptional quality of the wines produced by Celler Vinyes d'Olivardots and consolidate it as one of the great references in the Catalan wine scene.

Next you can find Tim Atkin's and Fintan Kerr's punctuations of all our wines:

Groc d'Àmfora 2023 – 92 points

Blanc de Gresa 2022 – 92 points

Gresa 2018 – 91 points

Vd'O 1 (2019) – 95 points

Vd'O 2 (2019) – 94 points

Vd'O 6 (2022) – 96 points

Ethèric Blanc de Noirs 2022 – 93 points

Ethèric Carinyena negra 2021 – 95 pints