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2009 heralds the second release of El Wanderer. The El Wanderer release represents a six year project in Spain and captures the true spirit of The Wanderer Wines.

El Wanderer is a single vineyard wine made from hundred year old bush vine Carinyena vines. Carinyena is the local Catalan word for Carignan, a red grape variety found along the Mediterranean rim that produces medium bodied fragrant wines of rustic charm.

The vineyard from which this wine is made was crafted in a very special part of the world. The Emporda is a little known wine region an hour and a half north of Barcelona. It is in the north eastern most corner of Spain, right at the French border.

It is a land of many contrasts and colours; it is where the Pyrenees come down to touch the sea, where Ferran Adria presides over his restaurant El Bulli, it was the playground and birth place of Salvador Dali, a land shaped by the Tramontana wind which Gabriel Garcia Marques wrote of in his short story of the same name; where the hills still bear the scars of the ancient olive and vine terraces, where the white washed villas of the fishing village Cadaques wait silently in winter for the teeming madness of summer.

The people that inhabit this land are marked by the landscape and identify strongly with their Catalan culture. I have been fortunate to have a long standing association with a Catalan family of pioneering winemakers in the Emporda. The Espelt family have generously accepted me into their family. El Wanderer is a product of this relationship and one of which I am extraordinarily proud.

