



8. Casa Montaña

In the 19th and 20th centuries, El Cabanyal-El Canyamelar-Cap de França offered a wide variety of restaurants catering to the needs of locals and holidaymakers, as well as travellers and sailors docking in the Port of València; many of these buildings have now disappeared.

Bodega Casa Montaña, founded in 1836, is one of the few witnesses of that time, known locally as *La Tenda*. The typical drink was *Champanillo*, a mix of seltzer and wine or mistela.

The current building was constructed in 1880 on the plot of a former barraca. It is a typical neighbourhood building but stands out for its size and decoration. The ground floor is a winery and the upper level a home, accessed by a staircase on the side façade.

It stands on the corner of three streets. The main door is from Josep Benlliure Street; this façade is distributed symmetrically with respect to the entrance door with an opening on either side. A central balcony on the upper floor is framed by two French doors, which originally had wooden latticework protruding from the wall to form viewpoints. A ribbon around the main and side façades marks the different levels; the only decoration on the latter façade. The gabled roof is ventilated by three oculi, topped with a moulded cornice on decorated brackets. The side and back façades are secondary.

A unique, modernist main door stands out with its curved sashes and plant decoration; on the upper floor, the glass at the top is engraved with the name of the winery, which can also be seen in iron font above the door.

The inside houses preserved wooden barrels, a bar that has listened to countless conversations, the till, old bottles and posters advertising legendary drinks. A past written by its founders: Ramona Montaña Romeu, the Omedes – Doménech couple, María Pérez, René Soriano March and Juana María Reus March, Santiago Polo García and more. Emiliano García Domene has adapted

the building to today's needs since 1994 while maintaining the essence of the very first day.