SPARKLING WINE 2016 DO Costers del Segre Sub-area Valls del Riu Corb

Varieties

Macabeu 61%, White grenache 13%, Xarel·lo 10%, Parellada 10%, Chardonnay 6%





Our sparkling wines follow the traditional winemaking system with a second fermentation in the bottle and a long and controlled resting time in stacks. We disgorge manually and at room temperature, progressively and in small batches without adding sugar.

TERROIR

Weather and features of the vintage

Climate is Mediterranean Continental, with cold dry winters and hot summers tempered by "la marinada", the wind blowing from the sea in the evening, helping cool nights down, particularly during the ripening season. The 2016 vintage had the usual cold winter. While there was scant accumulated rainfall at the end of winter -25% lower thant the 10-year-average- there was an abundance of rain in the spring, and well distributed. The summer months, however, were exceptionally dry, which reduced the yield, especially in the less fertile plantations. Temperatures were moderate, close to the average of recent years. There weather conditions gave rise to exceptionally healthy, well-ripened fruit. Harvesting began on 30th Agugust and finished on 19 october.

Original plots

Parcels in Vallbona de les Monges.

THE WINE Production

We work from wines fermented at controlled temperatures (17-18°C, 62,5°-64,5°F) in stainless steel tanks. Then comes the coupage or blending process of the Macabeo, Parellada and Chardonnay varieties that will age for 3 months in French and American oak barrels. The wine is bottled in February-March and it spents at least 24 months in the cellar at a constant temperature of in between 12° and 15°C (53,5° to 59°F), with constant humidity levels being monitored too. Manual disgorging at room temperature is done progressively in small lots.

Analysis

- Alcohol content: 12%

Total acidity: 3,07 g/l (Sulphuric acid)Residual sugar: <2 g/l (glucose+fructose)

- Total sulphur: 70 mg/l

TASTING NOTES

Golden yellow color with extremely small bubbles. Subtle and suggestive on the nose, with mature aromas, roasted coffee notes and spicy hint of liquorice and clove. Elegant compote notes (Seville orange) on a quince, apricot and brioche background. Fresh and smooth on the palate, with nuances of roasted nuts and a long, vibrant finish.

Goes well with cheeses such as gouda and camembert and blue fish like tuna. A perfect match for pil-pil cod and traditional dishes like Catalan-style broad beans.