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PALACIO DE
BORNOS



PALACIO DE BORNOS

COMPANY: BORNOS BODEGAS & VIÑEDOS

Designation of origin: D.O. Rueda

Grapes variety: 100% Verdejo

Alcohol content: 11,5 % vol

This wine is made with 100% Verdejo grape coming from 30 years old vineyards planted at an altitude of 750 m in Rueda, Pollos and La Seca. The Verdejo grape variety has been grown for over 10 centuries in the DO Rueda and it is where it expresses most the character of the variety and terroir.

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Located in Rueda, the Palacio de Bornos winery was founded and began making wine in 1976, alongside the Appellation of Origin Rueda. The initial years were dedicated to consolidating the brand in the Castilla y León region, to later begin a rapid expansion both nationally and internationally. After over forty years of effort and innovation, with special emphasis placed on the vineyard, Palacio de Bornos has succeeded in becoming one of the best recognized brands of the Rueda appellation, with distribution in the main wine markets of the five continents.



PAIVA

PAIVA CAVA RESERVA BRUT NATURE



COMPANY: BODEGAS MARTINEZ PAIVA, SAT

Designation of origin: Cava

Grapes variety: 70% Macabeo 30% Chardonnay

Alcohol content: 12 % vol

Grapes that come from the vineyards in the municipality of Almendralejo (Badajoz) under the CAVA Denomination of Origin. Lots of great light and clayey soils and high limestone. Trellised vineyards, but the harvest is done by hand and in 20 kg boxes. The grape enters the press for the extraction of the must, completely whole. It is fermented in small tanks and at low temperatures.

Awards:

Concourse Mondial Bruxelles 2023 - Gold Medal

Frankfurt Int. Trophy 2023 – Gold Medal

Bacchus 2022 – Gold Medal

VINESPAÑA 2022 – Gold Medal

CINVE 2022 – Silver Medal

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BODEGAS MARTINEZ PAIVA is a family estate winery with a wide vine growing tradition, and more than 40 years producing quality wines. The winery is located in Almendralejo (Badajoz) SPAIN. Wines obtained from vineyards owned by the family and with national and international awards.

The particular climatic characteristics of the area and the terroir where the vineyards are located, as well as the skill of the family, who expertly cultivates and handles the grapes during the production process, and finally the aging of the wine under the best conditions of humidity and temperature, results in excellent wines, with warm tones, intense aromas, good body and structure.

GIRÓ DEL GORNER 
VINS I CAVES



GIRÓ DEL GORNER BRUT ROSÉ

COMPANY: GIRÓ DEL GORNER, SOCIEDAD LIMITADA

Designation of origin: Cava

Grapes variety: Pinot Noir 100%

Alcohol content: 11.5% vol.

Organic cava produced with Pinot Noir 100%. Macerated 8-18 hours at low temperature. Slow fermentation for 10 days at 15° C in order to obtain the primary flavours and bouquets of this grape variety.

Aged a minimum of 12 months. Bright pink colour with delicate and strong bouquet of cherry and strawberry. Serve between 5° / 7°C.

Awards:

Silver Vinari Barcelona Rosé Bubbles 2023

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The Giró del Górnier vineyards spread over 48 hectares, over lands of light limy slopes near Montserrat to obtain first class grapes. It is located in the Penedès, a privileged place for wine growing with a mild Mediterranean climate, moderate rainfall and abundant hours of sun.

The Giró del Górnier family has tilled their own vineyards for more than 300 years to elaborate wine exclusively from grapes of their own harvest. The property has passed from generation to generation keeping Giro's name, and the passion for wine-growing throughout the centuries.

The family devotes the experience of several generations to the vineyards, the most up-to-date vine-growing knowledge and day after day they control and care for their wines. A rigorous control from the beginning of the maturing process will decide when each plot of land is ready to be recollected, as well as the destination of the grape. The wine cellar is the sanctuary where the long and careful fermentation process starts. The deep knowledge acquired by their prestigious grape and wine-growing tradition, combines ancient techniques along with the most advanced technology.

MASTINELL



BRUT REAL 2015

COMPANY: HERETAT MASTINELL, S.L.

Designation of origin: Cava

Grapes variety: Macabeo, Xarel·lo and Parellada

Alcohol content: 12.5% vol.

The Brut Real 2015's success is based on three high-quality grapes grown on half-century old vase-trained (gobelet) vines. The grapes are all individually inspected during manual harvest. Each variety is vinified separately. Before fermentation, the must is clarified naturally via sedimentation.

Awards:

Guía Peñín – 92 points

MUNDUS VINI – GOLD Medal

Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2021 – GOLD Medal

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At Mastinell, creativity and enthusiasm are blended with the passion and talent for work to create classic wines, with the grapes as their muse.

Mastinell is committed to quality and they seek excellence in everything they do, to a job done with care. Their promise is to produce exceptional cava and wine using traditional processes along every step of each bottle's journey. All the details, from lovingly tending the vineyard to the manual harvests and grape handling, are conducted at the optimal moment. Time-honoured winemaking techniques are adapted to each variety, vintage, and vine to ensure exemplary standards.

NELEMAN ORGANIC-VEGAN CAVA ROSADO BRUT



COMPANY: NELEMAN WINES S.L.

Designation of origin: Cava

Grapes variety: 100% Garnacha

Alcohol content: 11,5 % vol

Organic & Vegan. From the most iconic vineyards from Requena. Cavas are made according to the traditional method. They reflect the aromas and flavours of a precious and perfect terroir. Requena is a county inland of Valencia, 70 km from the Mediterranean Sea, with an altitude up to 900 meters above sea level. Thanks to the climate, geographic situation and rough soils, they are able to get astonishing grapes; keeping their fruit with fine and complex aromas that shut the essences of the Valencian village in every bottle of Cava.

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NELEMAN elaborates Mediterranean Organic & Vegan wines, mainly focuses on indigenous grapes from the highest mountains of Valencia - Spain, within the Natural Park Hoces del Cabriel (UNESCO Biosphere Reserve), very close to the Mediterranean Sea. The impressive biodiversity and climate of the region is reflected in the essence of the Neleman Wines.

NELEMAN is strongly committed with sustainable viticulture and winemaking practices, as well as a sustainable-innovative packaging (showing carbon footprint on every bottle).

Looking to be close to new consumers, they work with talented designers worldwide bringing in this way a modern vision to the traditional winemaking style of the region.



NELEMAN ORGANIC-VEGAN CAVA BRUT

COMPANY: NELEMAN WINES S.L.

Designation of origin: Cava

Grapes variety: 85% Macabeo, 15% Chardonnay

Alcohol content: 11.5 % vol

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VICENTE GANDIA
 VITICULTORES DESDE 1885



HOYA DE CADENAS CAVA RESERVA BRUT

COMPANY: VICENTE GANDÍA PLA, S.A.

Designation of origin: Cava

Grapes variety: 75% Macabeo, 25% Chardonnay

Alcohol content: 11.5 % vol

Once the cuvée has been obtained from a white perfumed variety such as Macabeo with the combination of a full-bodied Chardonnay, it is aged in the bottle for a minimum of 18 months. During this time the bottles are kept horizontal, called "ageing in stacks", at a constant temperature of 15°C, in order to carry out a second fermentation gathering the lees along the length of the bottle.

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Vicente Gandia is currently run by the 4th generation of the Gandía family. They remain faithful to their founding values and contribute to the progress and prosperity of the business by focusing on quality and innovation, without forgetting their wine-making tradition that has been passed on. The winery operates in over 90 markets globally. Vicente Gandia is one of top 15 wineries in Spain with a very wide portfolio, from quality/price to premium range, from classic wines to new fruity and easy-going wines style. They offer different formats and sizes from the top regions in Spain.



LA BELLA ANCESTRAL JOVEN

COMPANY: SHUKHRAT KHAKIMOV & VITICULTORES

Designation of origin: Manchuela

Grapes variety: 100% Moravia Agra

Alcohol content: 12 % vol

La Bella Ancestral is a sparkling natural slightly orange brut that reflects the calcareous character of the soil. Light and very fresh with a perfect balance between acidity and fruity notes. Ideal to take with: rice, seafood, blue or more fatty fish, white meat and pasta.

Awards:

Puntuación 87 Mundus Vini Biofach.

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Shukhrat Khakimov & Viticultores produces special Freaky & Crazy wines: biodynamical without additional sulphites wines, organic, with minimal intervention, «secano», garage, natural, ancestral, etc...

SK&V is an association of winemakers, oenologists, people who are passionate about wine and everything related to it. Our goal is to produce non-conventional wines from the unique vineyards of autochthonous varieties in different areas of Spain (mostly Levante). We take care of the vineyards in a biodynamic way; all the processes are carried out manually and all wines are vinified naturally.

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