

Conde de Subirats Brut N/V Rose (sparkling)



Winery: Conde de Subirats

Region: Cava D.O.

Grapes: 90% Trepat, 10% Pinot Noir

Winery: The vineyards for this winery once belonged to the Subirats Castle, hence Conde de Subirats. As a commercial concern, the winery was started in 1948. In 1990 and 1991 the current vineyards were purchased and planted, including Chardonnay, a rarity at that time. A new winery building with the latest winemaking technology was started in 2003 with construction being completed in 2005. The estate vineyards are planted predominantly to Chardonnay,

with lesser amounts of Pinot Noir, Macabeo, Xarel-lo and Parellada. Farming the vineyards is conducted vine by vine, with each vine getting differing amount of pruning, leaf thinning and irrigation based on a technical analysis of the soils and exposition of the vineyards.

Wine: The grapes are harvested early to maintain naturally fresh, crisp acidity and are then fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel to maintain the optimum of bright fruit aromas. All of the grapes see cool pre-fermentation maceration prior to bleeding. There is no press wine used in the base. The base wines are then blended and bottled with a bit of yeast to age for 18 months on lees prior to disgorging. The dosage is made with the most neutral flavored liquor to allow the flavor of the original grapes to shine. Total residual sugar: 10 gm/liter.

Reviews: “Medium pink. Spicy redcurrant and cherry on the nose, with complicating note of anise and cinnamon. Sweet and sappy, with a velvety texture to the fresh red and dark berry preserve flavors. The dry finish features good cut and a repeating cinnamon quality. This is an excellent value in grown-up pink bubbly.”

88 points *International Wine Cellar Bonus Feature Cava for All Seasons, November 2011*

“Pale orange. Lively scents of fresh red berries, orange zest and rose are complemented by a hint of white pepper. The sappy, spicy and focused palate offers juicy raspberry and cherry flavors that firm up on the back half. Finishes on a subtly sweet note, with good cling and an echo of red berries.”

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