



JÚLIA BERNET

CUVÉE Ú

ORIGIN

Subirats, Alt Penedès, Calauña, Spain.

VARIETIES

100% Xarel·lo.

VINEYARD

From organically farmed estate vines in Xavier Bernet's vineyards in Subirats, in the Sierra de Ordal. The 15-40-year-old vines are planted on limestone terraces at 300-500m altitude and face southwest.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes are harvested by hand, destemmed, and pressed to steel tank to ferment with their indigenous yeasts on the fine lees for 25-30 days. After 6 months the still wine is bottled and a second fermentation in the traditional method is begun with grape musts from the same vineyards. The now-sparkling wine ages for a minimum of 2 years before release. No dosage is used in the production of any of Xavier's wines, total sulfur is roughly 25ppm.



PRODUCER PROFILE

Xavier Bernet started this project in 2003, guiding his work by a philosophy he calls "Closed Circle" production (he designates this on his corks), a concept based on his supervision of the entire process from start to finish. From the planting of the vineyard to disgorgement and the finished wine, he is involved in all aspects of the grape's journey to glass. The Bernet family has grown fruits and vegetables for generations. They always sold to the local co-op for table wine before Xavi decided he wanted to produce and bottle his own, naming the bodega after his daughter. He is a farmer first and foremost; it was this devotion to the vineyard that led him to an organic certification in 2016. The decision for Xavi to leave the Cava DO and join Corpinnat in 2019 was an easy one. Frustrated with the status quo and the Cava DO's inability to adapt beyond its cheap and low quality reputation, a number of wineries lobbied to become a high quality subdivision of the Cava DO. The Cava DO declined this, giving the (now nine) wineries no other alternative but to leave the DO and form their own collective. Thus was born their new EU brand Corpinnat, which translates loosely to the "Heart of Penedés." The Bernet estate is located in the town of Subirats within Alt Penedès, northeast of Vilafranca and south of Sant Sadurn d'Anoia, and a one-hour drive from Barcelona and the Mediterranean Sea. Xavi owns 7 hectares in Penedès and all of his production comes from his estate vines.