

José Pastor Selections

PIONEERING GROWER-PRODUCED FINE IBERIAN WINES

Grower Assís & Eudad Suriol

Appellation Cava

Subzone Alt Penedès

Climate Mediterranean

Varieties Xarel-lo

Soil Calcareous Clay

Elevation 270 meters

Vine Age 23 years

Pruning Espaldera

Farming Certified Organic

Production 3,000 bottles

Suriol

Cava Reserva Brut Nature “El Bosc”



The **Suriol** family has lived and made wine in the same *masia*, the Castell de Grabuac, in Penedès since the 15th century. They produce Cavas and still wines using traditional, non-interventionist methods, indigenous grape varieties vinified by parcel with native yeasts, local chestnut wood for barrel aging, and corks from the local forest. The results are some of the most complex and layered Penedès wines that we have tasted.

The Suriol estate is located in the village of **Font Rubí** in the **Alt Penedès**, just north of Vilafranca and west of Sant Sadurn d'Anoia, and a one-hour drive from Barcelona and the Mediterranean Sea. Their 25 hectares of vineyards are divided up into 20 different microplots and surround the *masia*, and have been certified organic since 1996. They employ biodynamic practices as well, utilizing native plants for preparations.

All Suriol Cavas are brut nature and vintage dated, and raised on the lees in bottle until order, with the disgorgement date noted on the back label. Fruit for **El Bosc** comes from a single eponymous parcel of Xarel-lo vines planted in 1989. The wine was fermented with wild yeasts in steel vats, raked by gravity to underground concrete tanks for malolactic fermentation over the winter, raised in chestnut barrels for 4 months, then bottle aged for a minimum of 15 months, although 25-40 months is typically where they find the fruity and yeasty/toasty flavors are in perfect balance. This is a powerful and complex Cava with flavors of brioche, hazelnuts, honey, herbs, and chalk. It is perfect to pair with Catalan foods such as sheep's milk cheeses, marcona almonds, pan y tomate, paella, and rich seafood and game dishes.