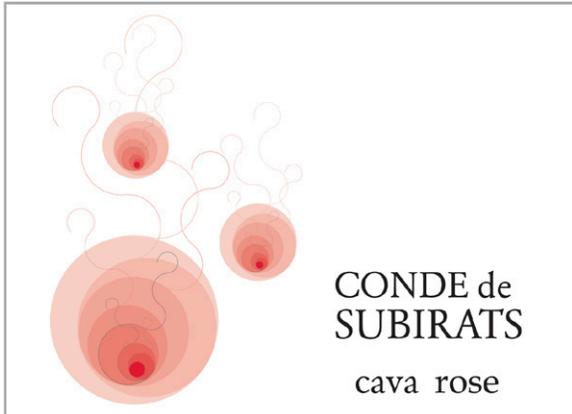


Conde de Subirats Brut N/V Rose (sparkling)



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: This wine is produced from grapes grown in the heart of Sant Sadurni d'Anoia, the birthplace of Cava, among the high altitude hills of the subregion of Espiells. 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. The base wines are then blended and bottled with a bit of yeast to age for 18 months on lees prior to disgorging. Time on lees is enough to add complexity of yeast character to the clear aromatics of crisp, red fruits. The dosage is made with the most neutral flavored liquor to allow the flavor of the original grapes to shine. Total residual sugar: 10.8 gm/liter.

Reviews:

“The Non-Vintage Conde de Subirats Brut Rose delivers aromas of rose petal and strawberry followed by a crisp, vibrant Cava with a lively palate feel, concentrated flavors, and a lingering finish.”

88 points *Wine Advocate* issue 181 posted May '09

“Pungent strawberry and cherry skin on the nose, with a strong lashing of peppery spices adding vivacity. Dry, tightly wound red fruit and citrus flavors are pleasantly bitter but gain sweetness with air. Ultimately juicy, fruit-driven and easy to drink, with a strong echo of spices on the finish.”

88 points *International Wine Cellar Bonus Feature* The Best Choices in Cava, Feb. 2010



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