

Essencial, Joan Rubió Penedés, Catalonia, Spain



Cal Tiques winery

A relatively small family-owned winery near Vilafranca del Penedes, in the centre of Catalonia's wine growing region. Joan Rubio started his own project in 2015 after having been the technical director at the famous cava house of Recaredo. Using old family fields he strictly applies the principles of organic and biodynamic agriculture; minimum intervention of the soil and spontaneous vegetable cover. His award-winning wines are obtained from free-run juice, without pressing, slowly vinified and macerated with their skins. A mix of stainless steel, oak and ceramic vessels is used to obtain varying flavours. Typical of his wines is the low alcohol percentage. Web: www.tiques.cat

Essencial

A 100% Xarel.lo with Intense floral aromas and a vibrant silky mouth feel and a long finish. Low alcohol of 11%.



Certified by CCPAE organic. Biodynamic practices since 2009.



100% manual harvesting and selection of grapes



100% Xarel.lo



25 year old vines



Oak and stainless steel



23,6 h/ hectare



highly calcareous limestone



7.550 bottles produced per vintage



After manual selection of the grapes, both in the vineyard and on the selection table, the grapes are separated from the stems and, without pressing, a maceration process of 6 days in stainless steel vessels takes place. The juice is then separated from the cap and spends 2 months in an oak barrel and 6 months in a stainless steel vessel.