

Raventós i Blanc,
`De Nit` Rosé 2023
Cataluña, Spain



Grape Varieties **49% Xarel-lo**
 34% Macabeo
 9% Parellada
 7% Monastrell

Winemaker	Pepe Raventós
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	12%
Residual Sugar	4g/L
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.09
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl
Notes	Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Raventós i Blanc is owned by one of Spain's most historic winemaking families with a viticultural tradition dating back to 1497. They have been at the forefront of Cava production since Josep Raventós Fatjó produced Spain's first traditional method sparkling wine in 1872 from Xarel-lo grown on their estate. Today, Raventós i Blanc is run by Pepe Raventós, who aims to "convey our viticultural traditions, the strength of our land and the characteristics of our soils," Pepe took the decision to leave the Cava DO in 2012, in order to focus on the estate's 50 hectares of vines in the more distinctive Conca del Riu Anoia region.

VINEYARDS

Raventós i Blanc's 50 hectares of vines are located in the Conca del Riu Anoia in Alt Penedès. Biodynamic principles are adhered to, using manure from the farm's animals as the base for the compost. The climate here is Mediterranean with mild winters and warm, dry summers. The estate is surrounded by three mountain ranges: Sierra Litoral in the east, which acts as a rain shadow from the wetter coastal areas, Montserrat in the north and Sierra d'en Compte in the west, both providing wind breaks and cooling temperatures from the Pyrenees. The vineyards are divided into 44 plots, depending on the different soils and microclimates. The fruit for this wine is sourced from the La Plana vineyard. These are the estate's youngest vines, which are grown on clay-loam soils with a large amount of fossils. This gently sloping vineyard sits at 120-170 metres above sea level.

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage will go down in history for its extreme drought and for being the earliest harvest in recent memory. During the entire vegetative cycle, only 232 mm of rainfall were recorded, compared to an average of 500 mm over the past decade. Combined with the two prior years of drought, this led to a yield reduction of up to 60% in the vineyards. Still, the quality and health of the grapes were outstanding, with remarkable sugar concentration and acidity.

VINIFICATION

All Raventós wines are made using the traditional method. The grapes were brought into the winery using gravity and pressed using the pneumatic press at low pressure. The Macabeo and Parellada grapes were pressed separately, and the Monstrell and Xarel-lo together. The juice was settled at cool temperatures prior to undergoing fermentation in stainless-steel tanks using native yeasts. The wine was then aged on the lees for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

A pale rosé with small, persistent bubbles. Notes of wild strawberries, rhubarb and white fruit with typical notes of Mediterranean herbs such as fennel. A voluminous mouthfeel with good structure, and an elegant, fresh and persistent finish.