“The first reaction after tasting our wines should be Wow!”

Arthur O’Connor,
Director of Winemaking
We are very proud to present the Grupo Codorníu portfolio. The wines of the Group capture the rich winemaking tradition of Spain and the spirit of innovation that has made Grupo Codorníu a respected world leader in viticulture and winemaking.

Our 450 years of experience have given us the expertise needed to compete at the highest level. Furthermore, as Grupo Codorníu has grown, our understanding of our vineyards has deepened. Our wines from Bodegas Bilbaínas, Raimat, Legaris, Scala Dei, Septima and of course Codorníu are receiving praise and awards from across the globe for expressing the very best of their origins.

We hope that this brochure serves as an introduction to our Group’s strength in depth and commitment to quality across all of our wineries. This commitment to quality has been key to the development of Grupo Codorníu over 18 generations and we hope you will join us in toasting many more vintages to come.

Arthur O’Connor, Director of Winemaking
Diego Pinilla

Head Winemaker and Production Manager, Bodegas Bilbaínas.
Licensed Agricultural Engineer, from the Agro de Montpellier (France), and MBA from ICADE (Spain). Extensive experience with winemaking at Château Canon - La Gaffelière (St. Emilion, France); Brown Brothers Milawa Vny. (Victoria, Australia), Clos du Val (Napa Valley, California), Concha y Toro (Peumo, Chile) and Bodegas Domech, for more than 7 years.

The wines of the historic Bodegas Bilbaínas winery are undoubtedly amongst the most respected wines of Spain and define both the tradition and the future of Rioja.

Since the beginning, the Viña Pomal wines have been produced from the grapes grown in our 250ha of vineyard holding, the largest in Rioja Alta. Wines are made using solely the Tempranillo grape combining both traditional “en vaso” bush trained vines and more recent 20 year old trellised plantings.

The Wines of Bodegas Bilbaínas

Viña Pomal is one of the main vineyard plots within the Bilbaínas estate and the classic range of Crianza, Reserva and Gran Reserva are recognised around the world. All 3 levels display complete harmony between generous fruit flavours and perfectly judged oak ageing. Viña Zaco is winemaker Diego Pinilla’s highly acclaimed vision of the other side of Rioja. He himself dictates when Viña Zaco is ready for release not the DOC regulations.

La Vicalanda Reserva and Gran Reserva are iconic Spanish wines that embody the “Alta Expresión” movement of terroir driven Rioja wines. In the vineyard, yields are kept low to give concentrated grapes that are then vinified and aged using the best new French oak to create ethereal wines of the highest level.

WINEMAKER’S COMMENTS

“Bodegas Bilbaínas is the reflection of the history and identity of Rioja- we lead trends that mark the difference between the different wine styles of Rioja, from the classic and traditional to modern and progressive. Every wine is made to express the quality and diversity of DOC Rioja.”
Viña Zaco embarks on a new style of Rioja. This avant-garde wine defies the traditional ageing scale of the DOC and sets the Region’s standard in price-quality. Winemaker Diego Pinilla, has complete autonomy to release the wine when he believes it to be at its absolute peak of flavour and structure. For that reason, this wine will be aged in order to maximise quality not to conform with local regulations. Viña Zaco captures the essence of Tempranillo and its intense dark fruit character is complemented by subtle ageing in new French oak barriques. Zaco is one of the vineyards within the Bodegas Bilbaínas estate and is the source for the Tempranillo in Viña Zaco.

The best terroir of the Bilbaínas estate is expressed in La Vicalanda Reserva and La Vicalanda Gran Reserva. Forty year old bush trained, low yielding vines produce fruit with incredible depth of flavour and structure. These characteristics are enhanced by meticulous attention to detail in the winery and bolstered by time in new French oak barriques. La Vicalanda pioneered the “Alta Expresión” movement in Rioja focussing on optimum site selection and “garagiste” handling in the winery.

“A rarity among the great Rioja Reservas. The tradition of ageing taken to a unique level of excellence”

Diego Pinilla, Bodegas Bilbaínas winemaker during tasting
Raimat combines the very best of Spanish wine traditions and the very latest in winery and vineyard know-how. First established in 1914 the vineyards of Raimat are now the largest under single ownership in Europe. Since discovery of the enormous viticultural potential of this inhospitable area of Catalonia, Raimat has used the latest technology to grow premium quality vines of both indigenous and international red and white varietals. Today, Raimat is Spain’s leader in Precision Viticulture and uses tools such as this to make sure that fruit is harvested at its optimum point of maturity. Raimat is proud to be officially recognised as a “sustainable producer” for using agricultural techniques that both maximise wine quality and minimise harm to the environment. These viticulture practices, which have been used for over 90 years, are now acknowledged as sustainable.

In 2006, Mark Nairn, an Australian and ex-flying winemaker, brought his expertise and extensive global experience to Raimat and is Head Winemaker making wines that respect the traditions of Spain and the qualities of the New World. To preserve the precise aromatic profile of the Raimat wines, Mark bottles his wines under screwcap – yet another first for Spain.

WINEMAKER’S COMMENTS
“Raimat wines are a product of a perfect union between viticulture and winemaking, with maximum fruit intensity, flavour, elegance and complexity. We are constantly innovating and improving every step of the winemaking process.”
All of Grupo Codorníu’s viticulture research and development is based at Raimat. From here, we develop the methods and practices which are then used in each of the group’s wineries. Our viticulture team at Raimat was the first to introduce international varietals like Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon in Spain. We have also developed and implemented various projects like natural pest control in the vineyard, water and irrigation management, and precision viticulture via GPS-led harvesting, based on plant vigor mapping.

Raimat is also leading the way in terms of sustainability. Raimat is a certified “sustainable producer” and has been since 2008. We are proud to say that 2,200 ha of vineyard meet these standards, along with another 40 ha that are maintained under organic production methods.
RAIMAT TERRA

Raimat Terra (Varietals: Chardonnay 100%) is part of a comprehensive sustainability concept which is environmentally friendly from the vineyard right up to the bottle. In addition to being an organically grown wine (it has CCPAE certification) it comes in a lighter bottle, a 100% recyclable tin capsule, a natural organic cork top covered in beeswax plus a recycled paper label printed using water soluble inks.
Codorníu Cava unites a quest for quality and deference for tradition. Since its first Cava launch in 1872 the House of Codorníu has invested centuries of winemaking expertise in creating Spain’s finest sparkling wines. First establishing the 3 traditional grape varieties for Cava production, Codorníu has been a pioneer in the advancement of Cava by introducing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay into the upper echelons of the range. These grapes give added structure and flavour complexity to the blend. The quality of the grapes and consistency of supply is achieved through long term relationships with local growers.

The Codorníu Cava range extends from the traditional Clásico to the beautifully packaged Reina Maria Cristina, Gran Plus Ultra, Selección Raventós and Pinot Noir.

Reina Maria Cristina is a Blancs de Noirs Cava produced using the best Pinot Noir from 2 vineyards: Riudebella and Costers del Segre. Riudebella offers finesse of aromatics which is complemented by the structure and body brought to the blend from Costers del Segre fruit. The wine is lees aged for 15 months to achieve Reserva status and enhanced depth of flavour.

Pinot Noir Rosé is sourced from Codorníu owned vineyards and is made solely from the prestigious burgundy grape. The wine offers bright red fruit and citrus qualities in addition to the flavour complexity that is a characteristic of Pinot Noir.

Gran Plus Ultra is made using old vine Chardonnay. Part is barrel fermented in French oak to give savoury complexity to the base wine and is then blended with Chardonnay that has been fermented in stainless steel. It is then aged for 15 months on its lees before disgorging. The result is an elegant wine that is rich in aromatic complexity and depth of flavour.

WINEMAKER’S COMMENTS

“To speak of Codorníu is to talk about cava. Codorníu was the pioneer of bringing the Traditional Method to Spain and the result was cava. As throughout its history, Codorníu continues to impress the world with its best sparklers.”
Anna de Codorníu captures the rich traditions of quality sparkling winemaking by using traditional grape varieties and combines them with groundbreaking use of the Chardonnay grape. The result is a bright, lively Cava with elegant structure and perfect balance. Anna de Codorníu was the first Cava to incorporate Chardonnay in its blend 25 years ago.

Anna Rosé contains 75% Pinot Noir and is blended with Chardonnay to create a graceful and refined Rosé at the top of its class. The Anna Brut range includes Magnum, 37.5cl, 20cl and Rosé.
“Codorníu branded sales to Europe and Asia have grown by an impressive 65% over recent years, compared to a growth of 10% in Total Cava exports. The Codorníu brand has been instrumental in driving this growth and adding value to the category.”

Juan Castell, Export Director, Grupo Codorníu

Total Cava Exports to Europe & Asia 9L

- 2004: 8,400,000
- 2009: 9,300,000

% Growth: 16.7%
Codorníu cava cellars, Sant Sadurní d’Anoia, Barcelona
Ribera del Duero is without doubt one of the most exciting new developments in Spanish wine, offering hand crafted boutique wines made in a modern and concentrated style.

Since its creation in 2003 Legaris has never settled for anything less than the best. The extreme climate in Ribera del Duero offers winemaker Jorge Bombin numerous challenges in the vineyard and since his sole focus is quality, fruit from vintages that offer less than perfect conditions will undergo the strictest selection. In the winery oak barrels are used judiciously to enhance rather than overwhelm the fruit character and winemaking techniques are constantly adjusted to reflect the differences in vintage conditions. Both Legaris Crianza and Reserva are highly awarded and recognized on the international stage, always cited as being at the top level of Ribera del Duero. Made from Tinta Fina (the local name for Tempranillo), Legaris wines are typically deep in colour, showing excellent structure with marked flavour character of black fruit, roasted cherries and vanilla spice.

Jorge Bombín is a Technical Agricultural Engineer with a degree in winemaking; earlier in his career, Jorge also worked with Hijos de Antonio Barceló. For Jorge the most important element of the winemaking process is the fruit. This respect for the fruit is maintained throughout the process from vineyard to bottle.

WINEMAKER’S COMMENTS

“Legaris represents the best of Ribera del Duero. Our wines come from specially selected grapes from our own estate vineyards, some of the oldest plantings in the region. We focus on all of the details of our winemaking process to give each wine its own personality; mixing different barrel types, adapting ageing to each harvest, always respecting the full expression of the varietal; giving complexity and structure to the wines.”
Scala Dei has been one of the protagonists that have shaped the explosion of Priorat DOQ. The breathtaking terrain of Priorat is characterized by rugged Llicorella soils. These soils are home to old Garnacha vines which produce tiny yields of highly concentrated grapes. In such an extreme location, harvesting is difficult and therefore all vineyard work is carried out by hand and fruit is transported to the winery in minute quantities. The Scala Dei wines capture the essence of the rugged soil, the intense climate and the old plantings – they are therefore a true expression of terroir. In Scala Dei’s 90ha of own vineyards spread across 40 individual sites – 4 different varieties are grown: Garnacha, Carinena, Cabernet Sauvignon and the more recently planted Syrah. Wines undergo an artisan production. Each bunch is hand sorted at the winery before going through a “cold soak” to extract intense aromatics, fine tannin and deep purple colour. Fermentation is carried out in small tanks, in volumes according to the fruit’s vineyard source to enhance complexity and bring to the fore the flavours coming from each vineyard. Wines are then aged in new barrels adding another dimension of flavour. Scala Dei wines are powerful, multi-layered and age-worthy. The wines are regularly recognised by the world’s wine press and competitions, and are frequently awarded the top accolades.

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“The landscape and geographical conditions of Priorat are what give Scala Dei wines their personality; complemented with our personal selection of hand picked grapes from our 90 hectares of vineyards. These wines are true treasures from the Priorat.”

RICARD ROFES
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Head Winemaker, Septima.

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The Nuviana winery offers high quality varietal wines that demonstrate exceptional value for money that are styled to the demands of young wine consumers. Miguel Sancho, winemaker at Nuviana, creates upfront, fruit focussed, soft structured wines that fill the market need for high volumes and entry level price points. Produced in Huesca in the foothills of the Pyrenees, these wines are classified as Vino de la Tierra so that International grapes such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Chardonnay can be made perfectly according to the requirements of the international wine market.

Established in 1929, Bach is a classic Catalan estate producing both high quality still wine and Cava. Bach is now one of the most successful and fastest growing names in the Spanish wine market, with a reputation for being a quality wine and cava brand consistently over-delivering in quality and providing excellent value for money.

Miguel Sancho
Head Winemaker and Production Manager

“At Nuviana, we are young, rebellious, and we like our wines to reflect their grapes of origin. We want all the fruit, aromas and strength of our vineyards to be present in our wines; you can expect the unexpected with Nuviana.”

Marta Bellapart
Head Winemaker and Production Manager

“Bach is a synonym of tradition and quality; wines and cavas with maximum aromas, flavors and expressions of the land they come from; our beloved Mediterranean.”
Located an hour’s drive north of San Francisco, the Carneros Region of the Napa Valley is famous for its Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Located in Carneros, a custom-made facility with the utmost in winemaking options produces numerous small lots of ultra premium wines. Each wine is handled in the gentlest possible manner to preserve every increment of quality.

Artesa is surrounded by over 150 hectares of rolling terrain, half of it planted to a wide range of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay clones and selections. In addition to estate vineyards and long-term contracts with the best growers, Artesa has a 200 hectare vineyard property in Alexander Valley, 150 hectares of Sonoma Coast, and 75 hectares in Foss Valley.