Finca Parera, Faust (2019)

Producer Finca Parera

Distributor Selections De La Viña Supplier/Importer Selections de la Viña Category Wine - Still - Red

Grape varieties Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Ull de Llebre,

Garnacha

Region Catalonia, Spain

Appellation Penedès Vintage 2019

Sizes

 $750 \text{ mL} \times 12 - \text{SDLV-}0678-19$



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Distributor's notes

Sumoll, Garnatxa, Ull de Llebre, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot in equal parts. Hand-harvested, whole bunches with skins and without stems to the cement tanks, to make a pre-fermentation maceration at a controlled temperature. Spontaneous fermentation, skins are left until the end and by gravity, decanted off. Aging in old 400-liter French oak barrels for about a year. Subsequent aging in a cement tanks underground for two years and refining in the bottle for subsequent years before release. 2019 is the current release.

About the producer

One of the most exciting regions in Spain when it comes to natural wine has got to be the Penedès. I know that may sound a bit strange considering the amount of plonky Cava being made, but this is actually part of the reason driving a group of young winemakers to do things differently. I call it the process of diseducation and at the forefront of this movement is Ruben Parera.

Ruben was born into a family of farmers but it wasn't until he finished his viticultural and oenological studies that they started making wines of their own. We first met him at a tasting in 2013 and his wines were perfect...almost too perfect, if you know what I mean. Since then, I feel like he's stopped relying so much on the books and turned to his land for answers. He converted his family's 10h estate from organic to biodynamic, continuing the natural process into the cellar while applying the same practice to their cherries and olives and obtaining the rather grueling Demeter certification on their first visit.

His 2015's are simply on a different level than what we first tasted in 2013. In a short period of time he's evolved from making textbook technological wines to making wines of terruño, seeking drinkability without compromising depth and complexity. His entry level white, red, and rosé are super fun to drink while his 2014 acacia aged Xarello might be one of the most interesting expressions of the grape we've ever tasted. It's the first wine he makes without adding SO2. I'd bet the same professors who told him it couldn't be done would even take their hats off to this wine. Long live the diseducation of Ruben Parera!

Here's a drone shot of Finca Parera and its red clay soils: https://www.facebook.com/knowmadlab/videos/1140668039322778/