

# Textures de Pedra 2019

This is the combination of three local black grape varieties: Xarel lo vermell, Bastard Negre and Sumoll. Textures de Pedra is a Blanc de Noirs concentrated on the palate and with a great potential for ageing.

## Stony soils

Maximum expression of the Mediterranean varieties, the Penedès climate and a stony soil, and the result of long ageing on the lees. Textures de Pedra is named after its vineyard of origin, the Vinya Més Alta, situated at the top of the Turó del Serral, the highest point on our estate, where the soils are stony. The geology of these plots means that the vines' roots have to reach down to deeper layers in order to find water (the soil is fresher), and this produces grapes that favour the creation of more concentrated wines, with more structure.

## Bastard negre

Bastard negre is a native variety recently discovered on our estate. Up to summer 2015, it was identified as Monestrell. However, when we carried out DNA tests, it was confirmed that this was a far rarer local grape variety that was no longer used: Bastard negre. This variety tastes rustic and has high acidity levels, and is well adapted to our area. It gives Textures de Pedra strength and potency, as well as density and texture on the palate, reinforcing the golden note and giving it volume and tension.

#### 2019 harvest

An excellent, very healthy vintage with a longer cycle and slow ripening. The 2019 vintage was classic, Mediterranean and fresh. We had a late harvest, but at the same time extraordinarily healthy and tasty. It was a year marked by the classic Mediterranean climate with a wet autumn, a cool spring with occasional rain and a dry, hot summer. With a total rainfall of 556 mm. The cool spring and vintage caused a delay in the cycle and harvest. High rainfall in autumn and occasional rains in spring led to good vegetative growth. The summer was rainy but hot: 111.7 mm and maximum temperatures of 40°C in July. With the plant's energy, we withstood the heat well. Late harvest with medium production, very healthy and concentrated grapes. In short, an excellent vintage with a longer cycle and slow ripening: ideal conditions for great wines. The 2019 vintage was classic, Mediterranean and fresh. Ideal conditions for great wines.

## Winegrowing

Biodynamic viticulture. Vineyards with spontaneous plant cover, which fosters biodiversity, fertility and life in the soil. We apply manure that comes from our animals and is composted during the winter. We adopt the gobelet short pruning system. Plant infusions are used as phytotherapy to minimise the use of copper and sulphur. The European grapevine moth (Lobesia botrana) is controlled by sexual confusion. Control of berries and ripening before the harvest. Manual harvest.

## Winemaking

Gravity-led grape reception system at the winery. At each stage, the atmosphere is controlled with dry ice. Slow, lowpressure pressing. Static settling at low temperatures. First fermentation in stainless steel vats at a controlled temperature, separating varieties and soil types, blending, second fermentation in the bottle and minimum ageing of 48 months with the lees in the bottles. We do not add expedition liquor. The disgorging date is indicated on the back label.

- - 25% Bastard negre: Harvested after 05 of September. Goblet-trained vines planted in 1974.
  - 50% Xarel-lo vermell: Harvested after 05 of September. Espaliertrained vines in 2002.
  - 25% Sumoll: Harvested after 31 of August. Goblet-trained vines planted in 1957.

#### Analytical data

Alcohol content: 12.60 % Vol. Acidity: 6.88 g/L tartaric acid Ph: 2.99 No sugar added

