



Simbolic 16

D.O. Priorat

Priorat, Spain

At Simbolic 16, only the gentlest of vineyard management techniques are applied which far exceed the standard requirements of organic certification.

About Simbolic 16

This winery was built in the 17th century by the Carthusian monks of the Scala-Dei. Over the centuries, and after the confiscation of the land by Pascual Madoz, the cellar was passed on to private ownership in 1868. The winery fell into disuse after the civil war, until it was restored to its original structure and its original activity: winemaking. "Although we could increase our production, we prefer to improve the quality of our wines and that is why our production is limited. We currently cultivate 24 hectares of over 70-year-old vines; the younger vineyards are in terraces with different grape varieties of Torroja."



Meet Our Winemakers Albert & Jordi Rotllan

Albert Rotllan is the winemaker and Jordi Rotllan is the viticulturalist. Together, this family makes wine in a deeply traditional fashion, focusing on quality of the wine over quantity of production. "We care for our vines from their very birth with the strict control and love necessary to obtain wines which are worthy of their denomination of origin." Through exhaustive control of the vineyard throughout the year, each phase of the harvest & fermentation process, and finally the blending, they work to achieve a refined marriage between traditional craftsmanship and modernized winemaking.

Regional Info

Priorat is located about 19 miles from the Balearic Sea coastline. Simbolic 16 grows their vines at an altitude of 1,475 – 1,965ft above sea level. The soils have low organic content, and are formed mostly by the disintegration of slate, called llicorella. Soils are dark copper in color, and give grapes notes of minerality. The low rainfall creates competition, and what little water is there quickly slides towards the water tables causing great strain on the vines (especially on the oldest ones). To access that water and thrive, the vines have developed extraordinarily deep and long roots.

