



De Muller Aureo Dolce Solera 1954

Tarragona-Reus, Catalunya

In the south-eastern part of Priorat, there is a village known as El Molar, where the property “*Mas de les Pusses*” is nestled in the mountainous terraces of ancient volcanic soils. 34 hectares of vineyards total, this site has evidence of agriculture/viticulture going back further than the Roman era, and another 40 hectares in Tarragona. De Muller has the privilege of the oldest solera system in Catalunya as well as the first bottling line created in mainland Spain.



Solera Vinification

“ It is aged according to different stages: first in oak barrels and thereafter in special barrels called soleras from where the wine will be taken and bottled.

The oak barrels are usually piles in files of 2 or 3 heights (usually 3).

The lowest file is called "solaria" (comes from "suelo", in Spanish) and it is where the oldest wine is kept (originally from the year stated in the solera). Some quantity of wine is poured out of these soleras (1/3 from the total liters) and it is bottled; the lacking volume will be quickly replaced with the 1/3 part of the wine of the first *criadera* barrel, then this one will be filled with the 1/3 part of the second *criadera* (barrels of the upper height). These last ones are filled with 1/3 of new wine, from an oxidative ageing in wood casks.”

Awards

94 pts. – Wine Advocate, February 2014