

P57 – VRIAACC PROJECT - CATALUNYA

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Abstract

VRIAACC (Varietats Resistentes i Autoctones Adaptades al Canvi Climàtic) it means resistant's autochthon varieties adapted to climate change.

The project starts on Albet i Noya property vineyards in Penedès on 1999 from the hand of Dr. Pierre Basler and Josep M. Albet i Noya, and after 13nt. years testing same existing resistant's varieties, we know we need our own ones, because we did not want to lose the profile, character and personality of our traditional wines.

On 2012 I contact with the Suis Ing. Mr. Valentin Blattner and we initiate VRIAACC project with two more cellars, and the ambitious objective to obtain downy and powdery mildew resistant varieties sons of the mainly Catalan and Penedès varieties Xarel.lo, Macabeu, Parellada, Ull de Llebre and Red Garnatxa, who represent more than 70 % of the total Catalan vineyards. (55.118 hectares)

Thanks to the evolved genetic basis of the plant material of Ing. Mr. Valentin Blattner, and after the hard and meticulous work during the last 10 years and more than 350.000 crossings, actually we have more than 400 polygenic varieties, some of them with 6 and 7 gens, and a lot of them are already producing incredible quality wines.

We expect put on the market 10-12 varieties on the next 4 years, praying for the bureaucrats of the Catalan and Spanish Agriculture Departments open his minds and permit to the winegrowers produce really organic grapes and offer to the consumers clean wines without heavy metal residues, and leaving the clayey earth of the Penedès Appellation without the compaction wo is actually destroying the life and the structure of our soils.