



**CLOS DEL BOU**

**by Long Wines**



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## *Estate-grown, organic Priorat*

- The family behind the winery founded a wine shop in Sant Cugat del Valles in 1947. When the second generation took over in 1992 it became renowned in the area for its selection of artisanal wines and tapas made with local ingredients
- The family founded the winery estate in 1995, with 31 ha of predominantly Garnacha and Cariñena vines grown on steep terraces.
- All the vines are managed sustainably and the wines are certified organic.
- Clos del Bou red is a soft, fresh expression of Priorat's spicy black fruit character.



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## The region

- The estate is located in the heart of Priorat, a tiny region in Catalonia.
- Winemaking was established in the area in the 12th Century by Carthusian monks
- Priorat shot to fame in the 1990s when a winemaking revolution engulfed the region and it became known for its intense, full bodied reds
- Old Garnacha and Carignan vines produce tiny yields on slopes of the very poor slate and quartz soil known as *Llicorella*
- It is the only region in Spain aside from Rioja to enjoy *Denominación de Origin Calificada* status

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## Organic red

- 60% Garnacha, 30% Cariñena, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon.
- Six months' ageing in French oak.
- Bright cherry red with purple highlights.
- Ripe raspberry and redcurrant fruit aromas with subtle hints of oak and notes of balsam.
- Soft, ripe tannins, spiced red and black fruit and a touch of freshness that makes it very easy to drink.

## Awards

- 91 Points – James Suckling 2023

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## Where it comes from

- Small family-run estate winery with its own terraced organic vines located on the slopes of Barranc de la Bruixa (the Witch's Ravine)
- The vines are managed naturally using ancestral practices such as sheep manure for fertilizer and biodynamic treatments such as silica to improve vegetative growth.
- The poor, *llicorella* soils, very low yields and Mediterranean sunshine give intense, full-bodied wines, which retain fresh acidity.
- Grapes are selected from vines at 420-480 metres altitude.
- The gravity-fed, state-of-the-art winery was built underground in the midst of the vineyards in 2011 following sustainability principles.

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## The winemaker/owner

### Joan Soler

- One of the most gifted winemakers in Catalonia, Joan grew up in a farming environment and studied agronomy before qualifying with a Masters in Viticulture and Oenology
- He has worked and consulted for several of Catalunya's most successful wineries
- A visionary and activist, he has been head of the DO Pla de Bages since 2015 and was awarded the Premi Bages de Cultura 2020 for his work in recovering native varieties.



### Josep Gomez

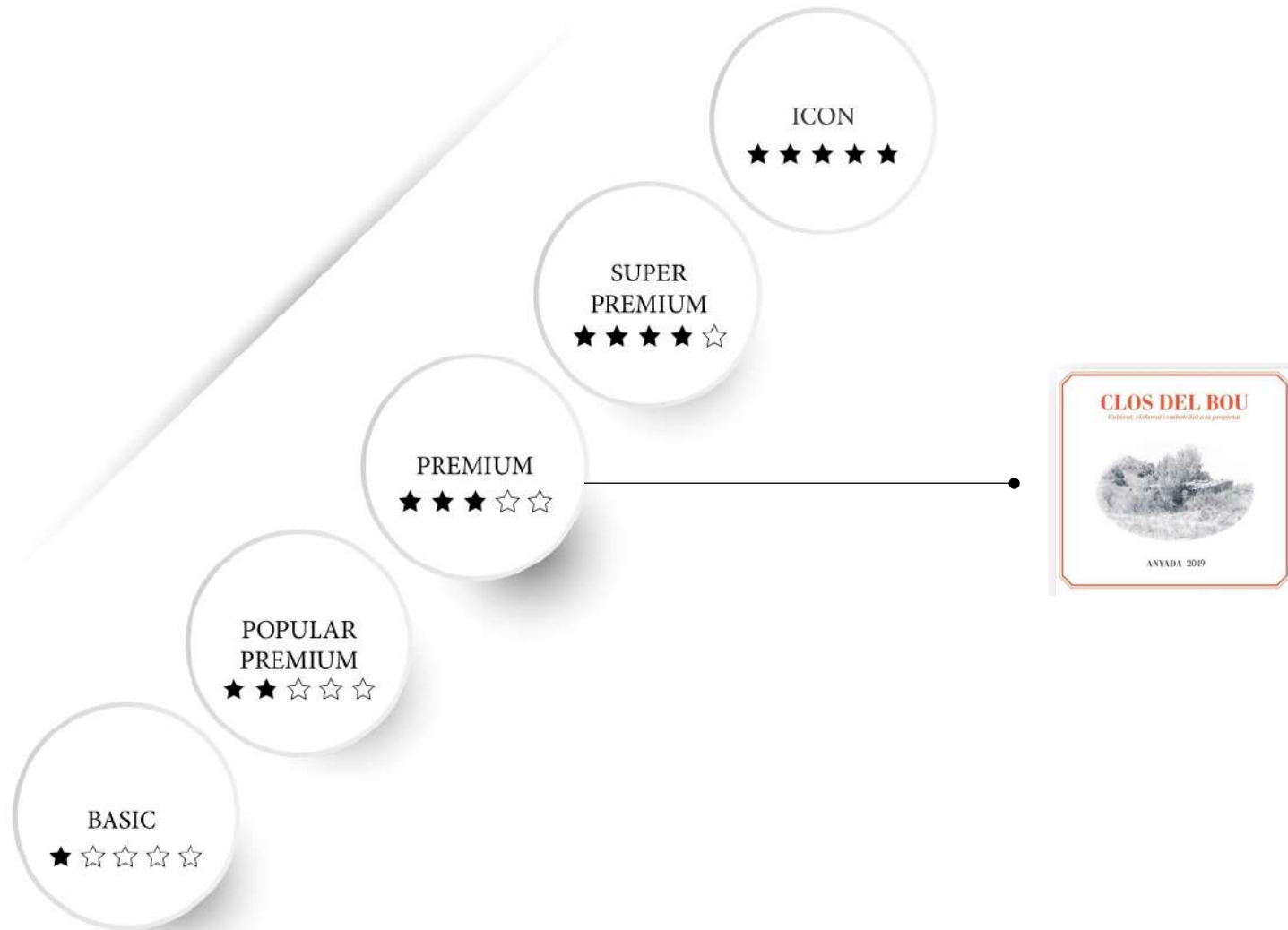
- Josep is from a family that owned a wine shop and tapas bar before founding the winery in 1995
- He plays a hands on role in the day-to-day running of the estate alongside his wife, Teresa, and two daughters





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