



## Catalonia — SPAIN

Mr. Josep Masachs Llorach founded Cavas Masachs in the 1920's. Today, Cavas Masachs continue the production of cavas and wines in their Monsarra estate with the same enthusiasm in order to improve the quality initiated by its founders.

Mas Fi Brut and Brut Rosé Cava are produced and bottled by the 42-hectare Masachs Estate.

It was at the turn of last century when the Masachs family started to cultivate grapes in their estate located in Vilafraanca del Penedès, a wine area par excellence, where wine-making had been introduced during the Roman Empire. In 1977, Josep and Joan Masachs started a new path and launched a new line of cava to the market based on the experience and know-how of their ancestors. The excellent quality of these cavas made by the young producers was known both in the domestic and international market. As a result of these achievements and the increased demand for their products, the production facilities used by their grandfather became too small and outdated. This compelled Masachs to set up new facilities in 1985 in the Monsarra estate, which is situated in the municipality of Torrelles de Foix and provided with the ideal structure for the making of the best cavas.

The Masachs family is a tireless proponent for the identity, heritage and sustainability of the Penedes/Catalunya region and its wines. The winery prefers to cultivate only indigenous varieties and is working with other producers to expand the knowledge and quality of these and many 'lost' varieties. Josep is an active part of the Consell Regulador del Cava (as well as other important organizations for the production, commerce and consumption of Cava) where important decisions concerning the DO are made.

Currently, about 7% of the estate vineyards are certified organic, as are the cellars for the vinification of certified organic wines ([www.ccpae.org](http://www.ccpae.org)). The winery is also certified 'Kosher', a recognition of quality and cleanliness. When buying grapes, the winery pays top prices to local growers not only to drive quality, but also to provide for the people of the region. In fact, the winery only hires people from the region with several generations of the same families working at Masachs.

### Mas Fi Brut Cava NV

40% Xarel•lo, 35% Macabeo, 25% Parellada

Mas Fi Brut Cava is an elegant and balanced sparkling wine. Undergoing second fermentation in the bottle, it is aged for 10 months providing its fine bubbles and complex and structured palate. There are notes of white flowers and citrus on the nose, with fresh stone fruits and pleasant creamy flavors in the mouth.

"The Mas Fi Brut is a blend of the classic Cava varieties with 15 months- lees aging. It has a clean crisp, citrus-driven bouquet with touches of bruised apple and lime. The palate has a soft, creamy texture neatly counterbalanced by the subtle acidity and taut finish. Drink now."

**87 points** *Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate* 04/12

**88 points, "Best Buy"** *Wine Enthusiast* 10/12

"Mas Fi is an excellent Cava producer, and its wines are very good values. The Brut is round and medium bodied, with spicy, fruity, lightly herbal character and a lingering finish."

☆☆☆☆ **4/5 STARS** *Ronn Wiegand's Restaurant Wine*

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### Mas Fi Brut Rosé Cava NV

100% Trepal

Mas Fi Brut Rosé Cava is an elegant and balanced sparkling wine. Undergoing second fermentation in the bottle, it is aged for 11 months providing its fine bubbles and complex and structured palate. There are notes of violets and wild berries on the nose, with bright and lively flavors of fresh strawberry and black currant in the mouth.

"The Mas Fi Brut Rose comes from 30-year-old vines and likewise undergoes 15 months lees-aging. It offers a more fruit-driven bouquet with strawberry and candied orange peel. The palate is full in the mouth with lively red cherry and lemon peel that lead to a very assured, harmonious finish that is less angular and more caressing than its peers. Drink now."

**88 points**

*Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate* 04/12

"The Rose is excellent: medium bodied and balanced; a wine with good depth of flavor (citrus, cherry) and a medium long finish."

☆☆☆☆+ **4+/5 STARS** *Ronn Wiegand's Restaurant Wine*

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