



Amós Bañeres

Vigneron: Amós Bañeres

Location: La Bleda, Catalunya

Size of Domaine: 5.5 ha

Terroir: Calcareous & Sandy

Viticulture: Uncertified

Amós Bañeres is a pharmacist turned natural wine evangelist whose journey into winemaking began with a radical life change. After a seven-year career in pharmacy, Amós and his wife packed up their two children and spent an entire year sailing around Greece. This transformative period on the water convinced him that a life immersed in nature was exactly what his family needed, prompting him to return home, study viticulture in Tarragona, and take over his family's small vineyard in Catalunya.

Armed with formal studies and a brief stint at a large commercial cellar that taught him exactly what he did not want to do, Amós set out to craft micro-cuvées of exceptional quality. Today, he farms five hectares of vines organically and exclusively by hand. He applies a near medical precision to his agriculture, individually marking vines before pruning to manage density and carefully removing older leaves to optimize photosynthesis.

In the cellar, a modest garage on his parents' farm, production is strictly limited to just 5,000 bottles a year. All work is done by hand or foot, with absolute care practiced at every stage and zero additives used at any point in the process. The resulting wines are incredibly special. They are intensely packed with aromatics and complexity, striking a perfect harmony between acidity and alcohol while showcasing a mind-blowing level of finesse, even in the most difficult vintages.

While his namesake domaine remains intimately small, Amós expanded his horizons in 2015. Operating as a consultant and négociant, he has since introduced exciting new wines from Tenerife and launched Els Vinyerons, a collaborative project dedicated to producing incredible quality, natural Catalan wines at a more accessible volume and price point.