

## Spanish road trip

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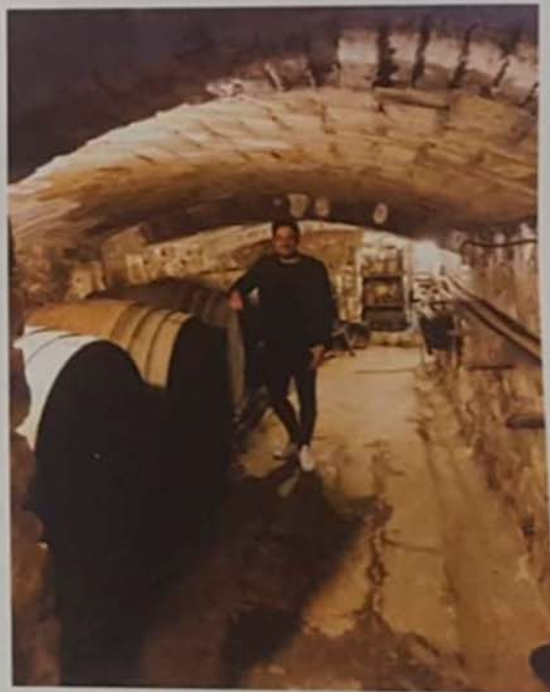
*Thibault Leray, our area manager for Spain, travelled to Catalonia and found some lovely wines that will soon continue to broaden the scope of our tastings.*

### Abadal, the lord of Pla de Bages



A view over the vineyards of the DOP Pla de Bages

Abadal was founded in 1983 by Valenti Roqueta, who has devoted a lot of time and effort to the region, even paving the way for creating the DOP Pla de Bages in 1995, which he managed until 2015. The vineyards are planted to Chardonnay, Sauvignon and Picapoll for the whites; Cabernet Sauvignon and Franc, Sumoll, Tempranillo, Merlot, Syrah and Mandó for the reds. Ten wines are produced under the Abadal brand, some of them are clearly among the appellation's finest. They have already been singled out for awards in the tastings for the Gilbert & Gaillard Competition.



Thibault Leray in the winery at Abadal