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***Fitor Estate, the historic formation from the beginning***

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### FOUR MAIN ESTATE CHARACTERISTICS:

- The Estate had a dense population in Neolithic period. **We have 26** known monuments actually.
- It had **silver and lead mines**, mythical by Phoenicians at Protohistoric times.
- Were close to the main sea **gate of new civilisations** in the Iberian Peninsula at Protohistoric time: EMPORION. Silver & energy to melt for transport was an aim.
- **Evolving from 1000 ha** of mysterious, dense and energetic forest cork oak ecosystem, the Estate catches many dormant archaeological sites.





# PIRENNE – EMPORION: ARRIVAL GATE





**There are two moments:**

**First:** At 219 b. C. Romans arrived first time to Emporion to cut the rear Anibal army supply traveling to Rome.

**They let in Fitor Estate a stretch of Roman Way (Via Romana), that in medieval time was a stone supplier.**

**Second:** Colonisation time (180 b.C.) The occupation of the territory was by **Villas**. One Villa had a main construction and other complementary buildings to be autonomous

**The Fitor territory was comprised by 6 Villas**, and, surely because of livestock, they were delimited by walls.

**The walls took dolmens as reference for limits!**



**ROMAN EMPIRE: 180 b. C. – 550**

**VILLAE DISTRIBUTION**



**LIMITING WALLS INTO FOREST**



# NAMES OF ROMAN VILLAE IN FITOR UNTIL TODAY

## NAMES

<b>ROMAN TIME ?</b>	Castell	Calvos	Canet	Fitor	Vila Vella	Geriana
<b>MEDIEVAL TIME X Century</b>	Castell	Calvos	Canet	Fitor	Vila Nova	Quinciana
<b>ACTUAL TIME XXI Century</b>	Mas Castell  (ruins)	<b>Mas Cals</b>  existing	Mas Anguila ? (rebuilt but not finished)	Mas Puig ?  (ruins)	<b>Mas Plaja</b> ?  existing	<b>Mas Torroella</b>  existing



**MAS CALS DE FITOR (Calvos—Cals) 948 documented**



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1000 years





## THE CAROLINGIAN PERIOD: 780 MARCA HISPANICA

Carolus Magnus domination arrived around 780. The Army was followed by monks (Aniana Benedictines) that re-started evangelisation.

The Monks first founded Sant Climent, **just beside Fitor**, and then Santa Coloma de Fitor, Sant Llop and Sant Nazari de Gausa from there. These last three in Fitor area.

Sta. Coloma de Fitor (948)

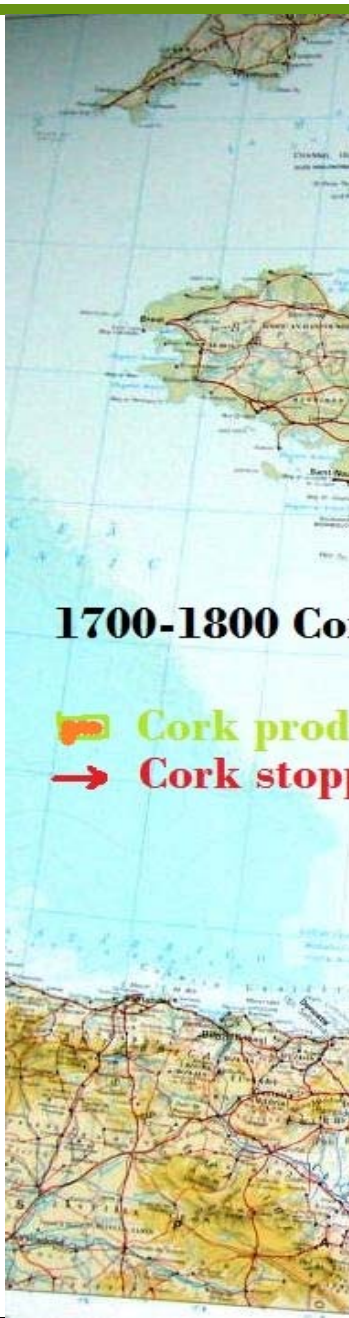


# LAND PROPERTY IN FITOR THROUGH THE TIME

Century	Owner	Reason / Management
I-VI	Private roman owners	Colonisation
VI-XIII	Lords & Monasteries	Feudal regime
XIV-XIX	Autonomous Farmers : MASÍAS <b>XIV</b> Pest obliges to reform model <b>XV</b> Farmers revolution wins <b>XVIII-XIX</b> Golden century's by cork production to wine stoppers.	Pests begins at 1345 Revolution finish at 1498 Cork new use
XX	Farmers sold, one to one, to an Industrial private owner: <b>My father</b>  <b>1947</b> begins concentration of property's to one hand. <b>1968</b> begins Finca-Fitor Estate.	Direct management Diffusion of Archeologic , historical and botanical discovering's Tourism and guided visits to the estate.



# CORK STOPPER REVOLUTION: 1670





## WHAT FITOR ESTATE DOES TO SUBSIST?

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**Forest produce:** The cork as main product, firewood, pine wood, pine cones for pinion, biomass from shrubs, ... ***Forest fruits products or marmalades:*** arbutus berries, blackberry's, citron and honey to sell to tourists.

**Tourism:** *Agrotourism* in historic houses, ***Guided visits*** to show production (cork, pine cones,..) or heritage (historic, natural or buildings) with ***restauration*** in historic houses and visits to small private ***Museum***.

**Rentals:** Events, Film localisations, Wild pig hunting, Houses, Organic agriculture, Sportive events, ...



## DIFICULTIES TO SAVE PRIVATE HERITAGE

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Without an adequate Archaeology legislation applicable to private properties. The figure of **Archaeological Park** is only for Administrations.

**Museum Legislation** in Catalonia is not applicable for Rural Development. Centralise Ages in distant Museums and don't link with near rich private spaces. Why all Neolithic must go to Gavà?

**Urban Development Law** not adequate for reconstruction in rural areas

Unlimited difficulties to legal **restauration** in guided visits through traditional system of breakfast or lunch in our houses

Inexistent **Collaboration Private–Public** to save Private Heritage

**Patronage Laws** inadequate to save Private Heritage



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