

COSTERS DEL PRIORAT PISSARES



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Costers del Priorat was founded by several partners bound to the land. Starting with a small parcel planted in 1934 in Bellmunt, Costers del Priorat now owns 25 hectares in four villages. Winemaker Jose Mas Barberà, the leading force of the winery, sees a new vision for the region focused on village-specific wines from old vines, transmitted with clarity and grace. The majority of his plantings are carignan (samsó) vines, viewed by many as the ideal variety for this extreme landscape as it can withstand the extreme temperature fluctuations and drought conditions of the region, to produce wines of exceptional aromatic complexity in a delicately packaged structure. Jose achieves this elegance by allowing the wines to guide their evolution without ever forcing their trajectory.

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