

COSTERS DEL PRIORAT PETIT PISSARES



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The name Petit Pissares is derived from the word “pizarra,” which is “slate” in Spanish. The unique soil of Priorat is a critical quality factor for the wines. Grapes are sourced from three vineyards in Sant Martí, Mas Alsera, and Les Solanes at 240m to 600m. A blend of 60% garnacha and 40% samsó (carignan) from organically-farmed vineyards planted from 1934 to 2007 on various types of slate. After a manual harvest, the wine is fermented with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel tanks. The different varieties in the blend are vinified separately. The wine is then blended and aged for six months in French oak barrels – some of the barrels are new and some are two years old. Wines are made with low intervention and minimal sulfur at bottling.

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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