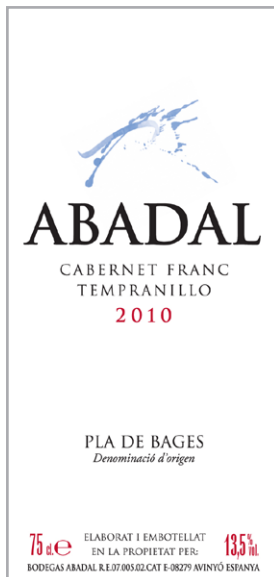


Abadal Cabernet Franc- Tempranillo 2010



Winery: Bodegas Masies D'Avinyo

Region: Pla de Bages D.O.

Grapes: 60% Cabernet Franc, 40% Tempranillo

Winery: Masies D'Avinyo is leading the charge of quality wine production from this, one of the oldest vine growing regions in the world, el Bages, named for Bacchus the Roman god of wine. The vines are cultivated on carefully structured terraces, influenced by a Continental- Mediterranean climate, with low rainfall. This leads to highly structured wines that maintain a freshness and delicacy rarely found in such rich wines.

Vineyards are planted with native and French grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay and

Mando and Picapoll. A strong technical background is used in vineyard management, for example, specific total leaf area per mass of grapes to assure ripeness. This is combined with a detailed interaction with each vintage. In warm vintages, new oak is purchased with lower levels of toast, in cooler vintages barrels with higher levels of toast are used. A combination of French, Hungarian and American oak is used in aging the wines.

Wine: Hand-harvested estate-grown grapes are de-stemmed and then fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel in original 12th century cellars. Maceration lasts only 12 days at moderate temperatures not exceeding 27° C looking to preserve varietal bouquet. The wine is then blended prior to aging for four months in French and American oak barrels.



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