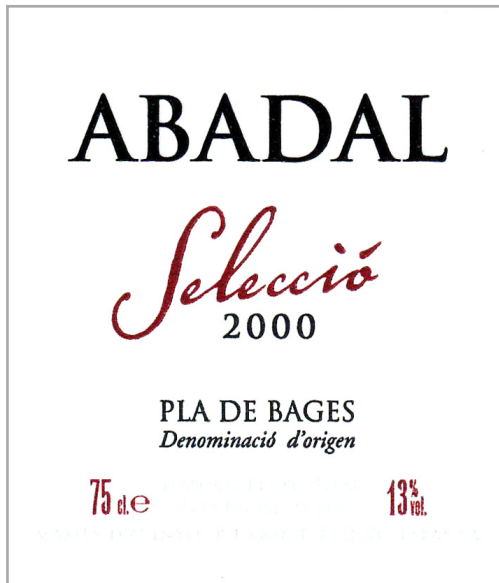


Abadal Seleccio 2000



Winery: Bodegas Masies D'Avinyo

Region: Pla de Bages D.O.

Grapes: 40% Cabernet Franc, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Syrah

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: Abadal Seleccio is an ambitious project that forms the backbone of the viticultural and oenological research taking place at Bodegas Masies D'Avinyo. Based on three basic principles, balance between vine production and resource availability; intensive green pruning operations and reduced production with the aim of smaller berries; selective harvesting. Hand harvesting assures that the grapes are optimally ripe. Grapes are destemmed and fermented separately in stainless steel followed by aging for 14 months in fine-grained French oak barrels. Unfiltered.

Reviews:

“Bright ruby-red. Expressive, syrah-dominated aromas of blackberry, gunflint and violet face powder. Gripping, slightly clenched flavors of dark berries, licorice and menthol. Youthfully closed wine, finishing firmly tannic and very long.”

90(+?) points *International Wine Cellar* issue 116 Sept/Oct 04

“extremely expressive in aroma, flavor and finish. Notes of dark berries predominate, but are accented with scents and flavors of cocoa, roasted meats, woodsmoke, dried herbs and tobacco leaf. Medium-bodied but deeply flavorful, this will work beautifully with almost any robust meat dish.”

91 points *Wine Review Online* February 21 '06



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