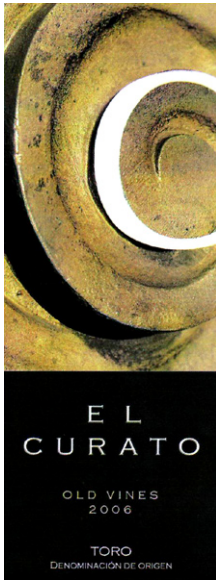


El Curato 2006



Winery: Canto Petirrojo

Region: Toro D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tinta de Toro

Winery: This wine, produced by the Aragon brothers of Cillar de Silos, aims at breaking down the stereotype of Toro wines as very hard, tannic and alcoholic. The goal is to make an intensely fruity wine, pleasant and far from the traditional concept of wines from this zone.

D.O. Toro was producing wine as early as the first century BC, with the Greeks noting the quality of the wines. Alfonso the 9th gifted lands to many religious institutions leading to the construction of many churches and other religious structures within the town of Toro. Toro is a late-bloomer in terms of quality and recognition on the international stage. An influx of stainless steel equipment in the last fifteen years has led to better control in the winery and quality has risen dramatically. The wine is nearly all red; powerful and full of grip.

Wine: Produced from 20-40 year old vines, hand harvested with temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel and only 4 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered.

Reviews:

“Inky violet. Expansive, jammy blackberry and blueberry on the nose, with no signs of earth or game. A pliant, juicy midweight, showing impressively sweet, deep dark fruit flavors, with light tannins adding support to the long, supple finish. Impressively suave and flavorful for the price.”

89 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 133 July/Aug '07

90 points Best Buy *Wine Advocate* issue 175 February '08

“A full, aggressive but balanced Toro. The nose is loaded with earth, bacon, leather and balsamic aromas, while the palate is rugged but right, with blackberry and savory spice flavors. Finishes smooth, a hallmark for good Toro. A step up from the commendable 2005.”

89 points Best Buy *Wine Enthusiast* November 15 '08



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