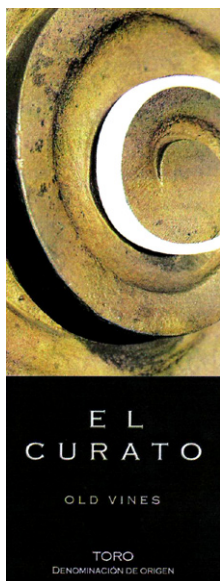


# El Curato 2008



**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 rustic. 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 aged 6 months in a combination of American and French oak barrels. Bottled unfiltered.

## Reviews:

“Inky violet. Complex, scented aromas of cherry, blackcurrant, licorice, herbs and rose petal. Juicy, bright and focused, with a firm spine giving shape to the wine’s sappy flavors. Doesn’t act like a stereotypical Toro wine. Finishes with a restrained sweetness and a slight rigidity. With a little aeration, this tangy wine drinks well now.”

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