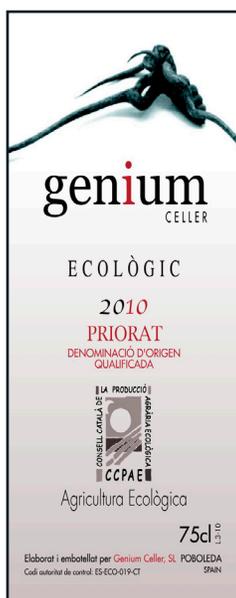


# Genium Celler Ecologic 2010



**Winery:** Genium Celler

**Region:** Priorat D.O.Q.

**Grapes:** 50% Garnacha, 25% Merlot, 20% Syrah and 5% Cariñena

**Winery:** In the year 2002, six families from the municipality of Poboleda (Priorat) with a long tradition in vine growing decided to join their efforts in order to make high quality wines from their own crops. They own 15 hectares of vineyards between all of the families. 7 hectares are Costers (steeply sloping, high altitude vineyards), 3 hectares of organically farmed vines (Ecologic) and 5 hectares of terraced vines on narrow terraces with two rows of vines each. The varietal makeup of the vineyards includes Garnacha, Cariñena, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Pedro Ximenez and Merlot. Costers vines were planted in 1910 and produce ~300 grams of grapes per vine. Younger vines were planted in 1980 on the terraces and produce between 900gm and 1 kg per vine.

**Wine:** Produced exclusively from a 3 hectare, organic vineyard certified by the Catalan Council of Agricultural production. The grapes undergo a 48 hour pre-fermentation cold soak followed by temperature controlled fermentation between 84° F to 91° F in small stainless steel vats, and are macerated for a 25 day period. Aged in 50% new and 50% 1 year old French Allier oak barrels for 6 months.

## Reviews:

“This is a selection from a 7.4-acre parcel of organically farmed vines, including garnacha (half of the blend), merlot, syrah and a little cariñena. The wine is aged in new and second-use barrels for ten months, but the oak influence is not at all evident. This feels refined, firm and robust, showing spices and earthy notes, together with an electric acidity illuminating everything. With some air, it feels even more complex, delivering aromas of slate and flint. This puts on a show that will only get better with five more years in the bottle, thought it’s approachable now with slow-braised beef.”

**95 points** *Wine & Spirits Magazine* February 2017

“Among Genium’s fine lineup of 2010 Priorat reds, this one stands out for its schisty nose of cherry, currant and raspberry. A ripe, layered, chiseled palate is tough but rewarding. Cherry, cassis and plum flavors finish fiery and minerally, even by Priorat standards.”

**92 points** *Wine Enthusiast* September 2016

“Vivid ruby. Smoky and focused on the nose, displaying aromas of fresh red berries, cherry pit, tobacco and cedar. The silky, appealingly sweet and focused palate boasts vibrant redcurrant and raspberry flavors and a hint of bitter rhubarb. Nicely concentrated and balanced. Shows very good energy and lift on a long, smoke-accented finish that’s framed by smooth, slow-building tannins.”

**91 points** *Vinous Mediterranean Spain* January 2016



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