

Los 800 2005



Winery: Bodegas Los 800

Region: Priorat D.O.

Grapes: 50% Grenache, 30% Carignan, 10% Cabernet, 10% Syrah

Winery: Based in the town of Gratallops, in the hills of Priorato, this winery only sources from old vineyards above 800 meters. Hence the name “the 800s.”

D.O.Q.: The region has produced superb quality wines for more than 8 centuries, starting when Carthusian monks founded a priory or Priorat in 1163. Phylloxera wiped out nearly all of the plantings of grapes at the end of the 19th Century and it wasn't until the 1950s that serious replanting began. The region rocketed to fame in the 1990's as a new

generation of winemakers came to the area combining new technology and old vines for superior results. There are only 26 wineries listed with the Consejo Regulador.

Wine: Fruit is sourced just northeast of Gratallops. After harvest the different varieties are fermented separately. The wine undergoes a long maceration of 24 days between a temperature of 79 to 80° F, followed by the malolactic fermentation. The wine is then aged in French and American oak barrels for 6 months prior to bottling.

Reviews:

“The 2005 Los 800 is a rarity, a value-priced Priorat... Purple-colored, it offers up a roasted bouquet of cedar, pencil lead, earth notes, cherry, and blueberry. Elegant on the palate, it conceals a bit of structure under the fruit and should evolve for 2-3 years. This lengthy effort will be at its best from 2011 to 2020. It is a very good introduction to the wines of Priorat.” **Top 100 Spanish Wine Values**

90 points *Wine Advocate* issue 181 February '09



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