

Los 800 2006



Winery: Bodegas Los 800

Region: Priorat D.O.

Grapes: 45% Garnacha, 35% Cariñena, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% 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 for this wine is sourced just from around Gratallops and La Vilella Baixa. 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 blending and bottling.

Reviews:

“The 2006 Los 800 is composed of 45% Garnacha, 35% Carinena, with the balance Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Dark ruby-colored, it offers up a complex aromatic array of mineral, Asian spices, underbrush, black cherry, and plum. Smooth-textured and easy-going on the palate, it has plenty of chewy fruit in a medium to full-bodied package. Drink this outstanding value in Priorato over the next 6 years.”

89 points *Wine Advocate* issue 188 April 2010

“Vivid ruby. Pure, fresh aromas of raspberry, tarragon, rose and minerals. Juicy, sweet and penetrating, with a spicy quality and bright mineral cut. Finishes with fine, well-integrated tannins and juicy persistence. Drink this now for its vivacity.”

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