

# Los 800 2007



**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:

“Bright violet. Smoky black raspberry, floral and dark chocolate aromas are brightened by spice and mineral notes. Sappy but seamless dark berry flavors are complemented by mocha and candied licorice. Finishes smooth and precise, with very good length and an echo of candied flowers.”

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