

El Molinet 2007



Winery: D'Este Vino

Region: Valencia D.O.

Grapes: 85% Tempranillo, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

Winery: This project started as a tribute to Tempranillo by winemaker Joaquin Galvez and Aurelio. With Tempranillo forming the backbone of Spain's most famous wines, the La Viña Cooperative in Valencia planted Tempranillo widely with the goal of reproducing some of the qualities of those famous wines. This project would not be possible without the wealth of vineyards and range of altitudes the coop has planted. Contrary to popular opinion that Valencia is too warm for Tempranillo, the cooperative has planted the varietal at a range of altitudes from 300 to nearly 900 meters above sea level, at these high altitudes, the Tempranillo ripens slowly developing a tremendous aromatic potential. The lower altitude vines take advantage of cooling sea breezes and the higher altitude vines cooler night to maintain

and develop those aromatic qualities. The reason Cabernet Sauvignon is blended into the wine is to allow for a stylistic continuity vintage to vintage.

Wine: Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon were co-fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged 6 months in oak barrels prior to being bottled unfiltered.

Reviews:

“Purple-colored, the wine has an expressive perfume of cedar, tobacco, mineral, and blackberry. Smooth-textured and layered, this ripe, spicy wine has a forward personality and a lengthy finish. Drink it over the next five years.”

90 points *Wine Advocate* issue 178 August '08

“Deep, bright red. Fresh red berry and baking spice aromas are strikingly brisk and focused. Racy, light-bodied raspberry and cherry flavors are unencumbered by tannins but nicely framed by juicy acidity. Pinot-like in its vivacious, red-fruit expression and firm finishing cut. This is really delicious.”

90 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 140 Sept/Oct '08



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