

Pricum Paraje de El Santo 2008



Winery: Bodegas Margon

Region: Tierra de Leon D.O.

Grapes: 100% Prieto Picudo

Winery: Bodegas Margón is the result of the passion that has moved the Martínez and González families, to produce high quality wines with the Prieto Picudo variety. All of their estate grown, old vineyards are located in the village of Pajares de Los Oteros within the new D.O. Tierra de León.

Under the brand PRICUM, they produce white and red wines, made with grapes from their hundred year old vineyards, cared and fussed over as their ancestors did. During the harvest all their bush vines are hand harvested. Raul Perez is the manager and winemaker for this project. He has become one of the most international recognized winemakers from the northwest of Spain.

They focus especially on allowing the maximum expression and quality of the Prieto Picudo variety. As such they received harvested grapes to a cooling room at the top of the winery. This permits the raw material to access the tanks by gravity and with the best temperature conditions. Fermentation occurs in French oak vats instead of conventional stainless steel tanks. A great selection of french tonnelleries in the cave allows to additional structure of oak to balance the power of the Prieto Picudo grapes.

“The Pricum wines are produced by Bodegas Maragon who specialize in working with Prieto Picudo, an indigenous variety that has been winning significant attention recently. The wines are made by none other than Raul Perez.” Jay Miller, Wine Advocate

Wine: The grapes for this wine come from a single vineyard located near the village and is estate owned. The vines are 80 years of age and are oriented in east-west rows on clay soils at just over 800 meters elevation. Grapes are hand harvested and sorted prior to destemming. Fermented in temperature controlled foudres and aged 19 months in French oak barrels.

Reviews:

“It offers up greater aromatic complexity with its notes of exotic spices, incense, leather, and a hint of balsamic. This lengthy effort should continue to blossom for another 5-7 years (unfortunately there is no track record on which to base predictions) and drink well through 2023.”

“The Pricum wines of Bodegas Margon are made by the talented Raul Perez and it shows.”

93 points *Wine Advocate* issue 195 June 2011

“Glass-staining ruby. Exotic, mineral-accented aromas of spicy redcurrant and cherry, with notes of dried rose and Asian spices adding complexity. Firm and precise in the mouth, offering lively red berry, bitter cherry and floral pastille flavors and a hint of white pepper. Gains sweetness with air, finishing with excellent clarity and spicy, mineral-driven persistence.”

92(+?) points *International Wine Cellar* issue 158 Sept/Oct 2011



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